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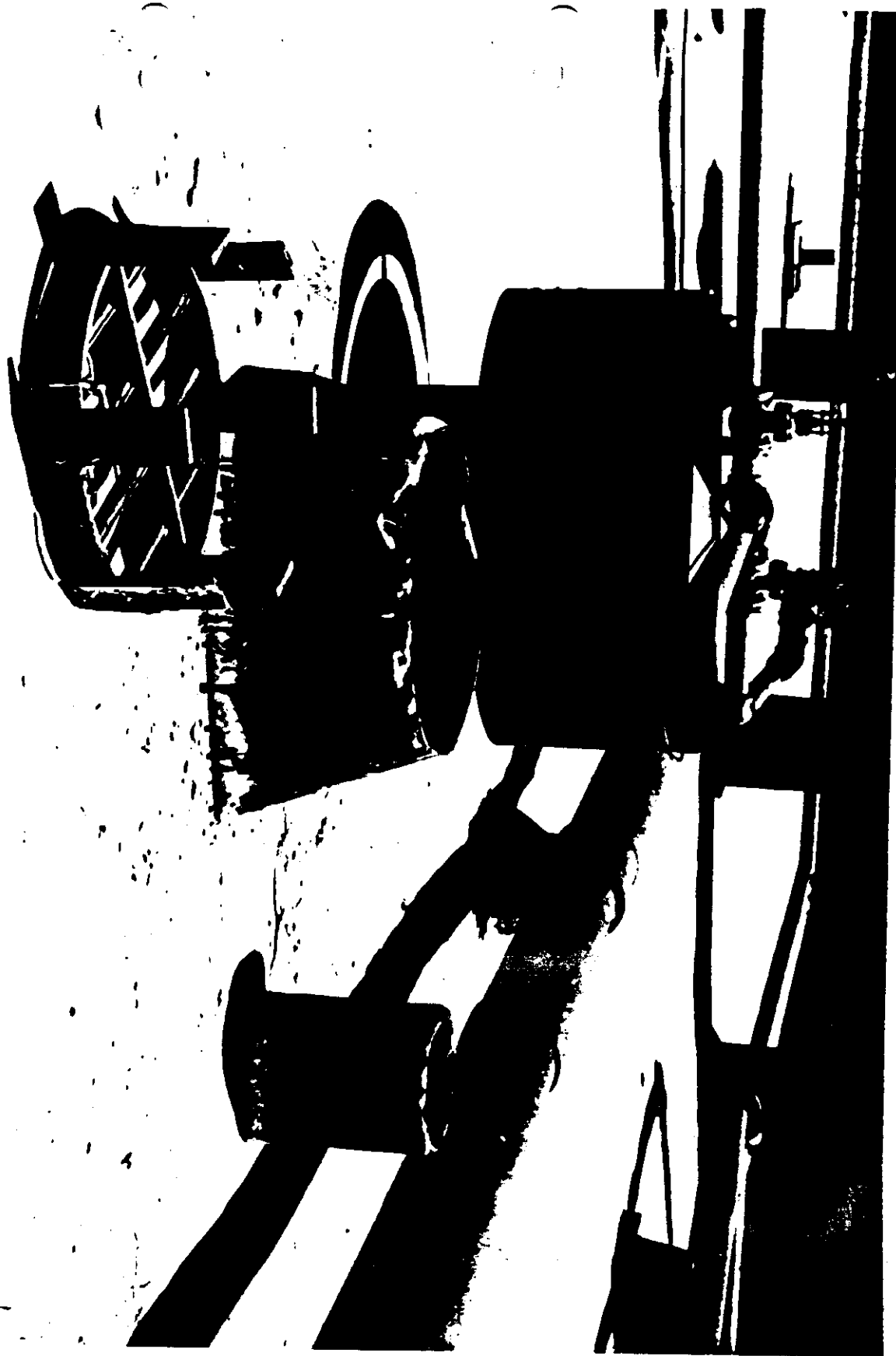
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- 1-1 Photograph of ventilator on roof over Cell Block B. Photo taken looking south and shows in immediate foreground heavy iron grate which normally fits inside of funnel-shaped galvanized metal cone appearing immediately above grate. The object to the rear behind the opening is the ventilator top which was removed to permit the Subjects to escape.

The stub pipe appearing at center right is the vent stack for the lavatory facilities.

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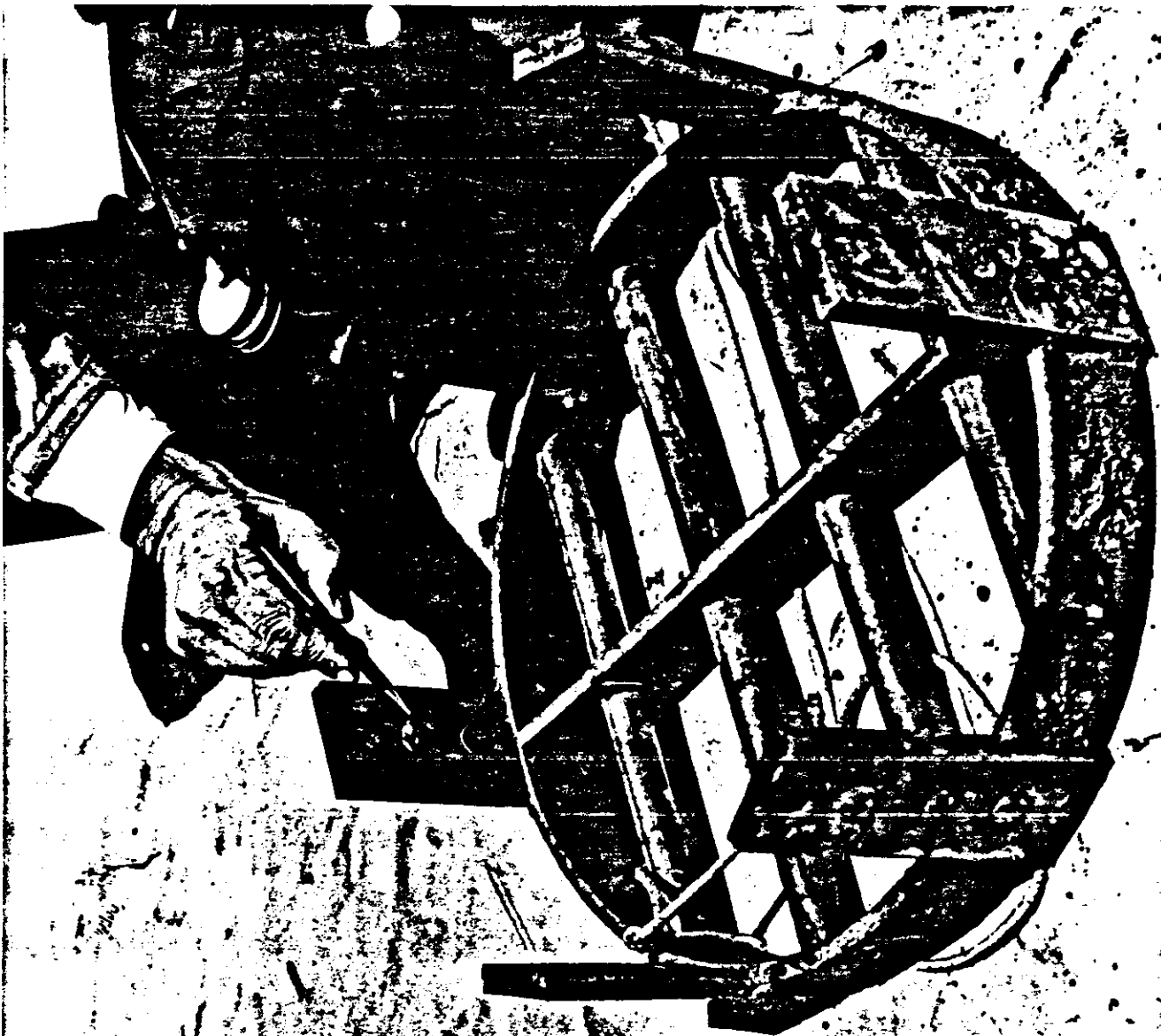
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1-2 This is a more detailed photograph of the galvanized metal grate shown in 1-1.

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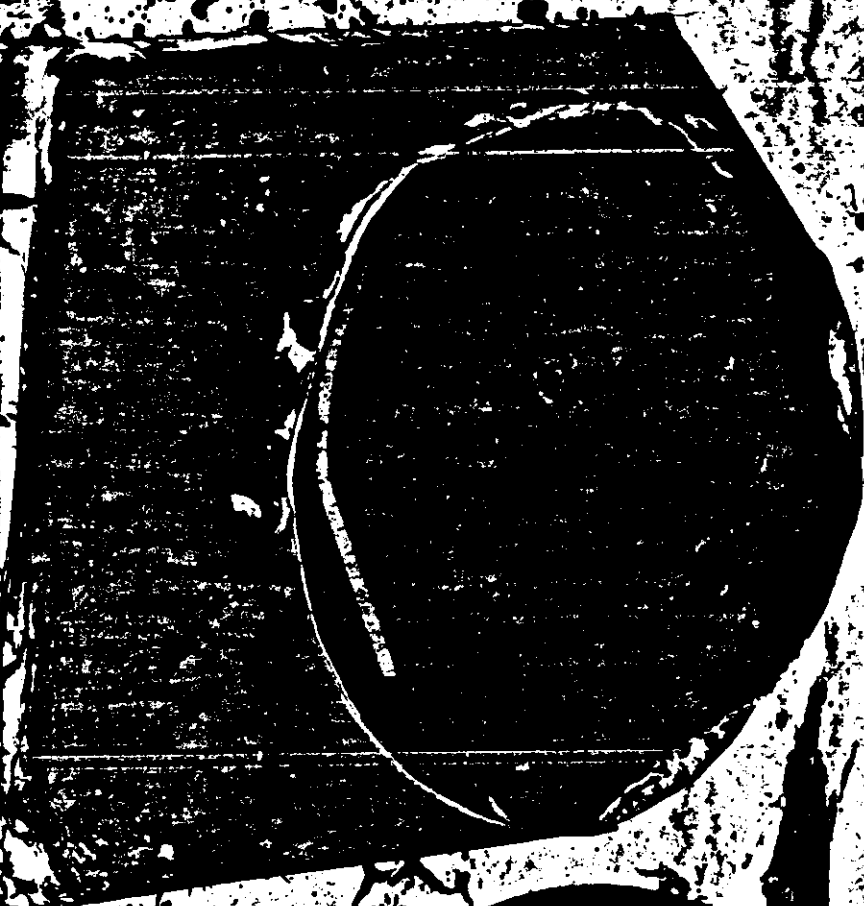
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1-3 Same as 1-2 with the exception that pencil is used to point out the bolt head made of soap which is one of two found on the roof.

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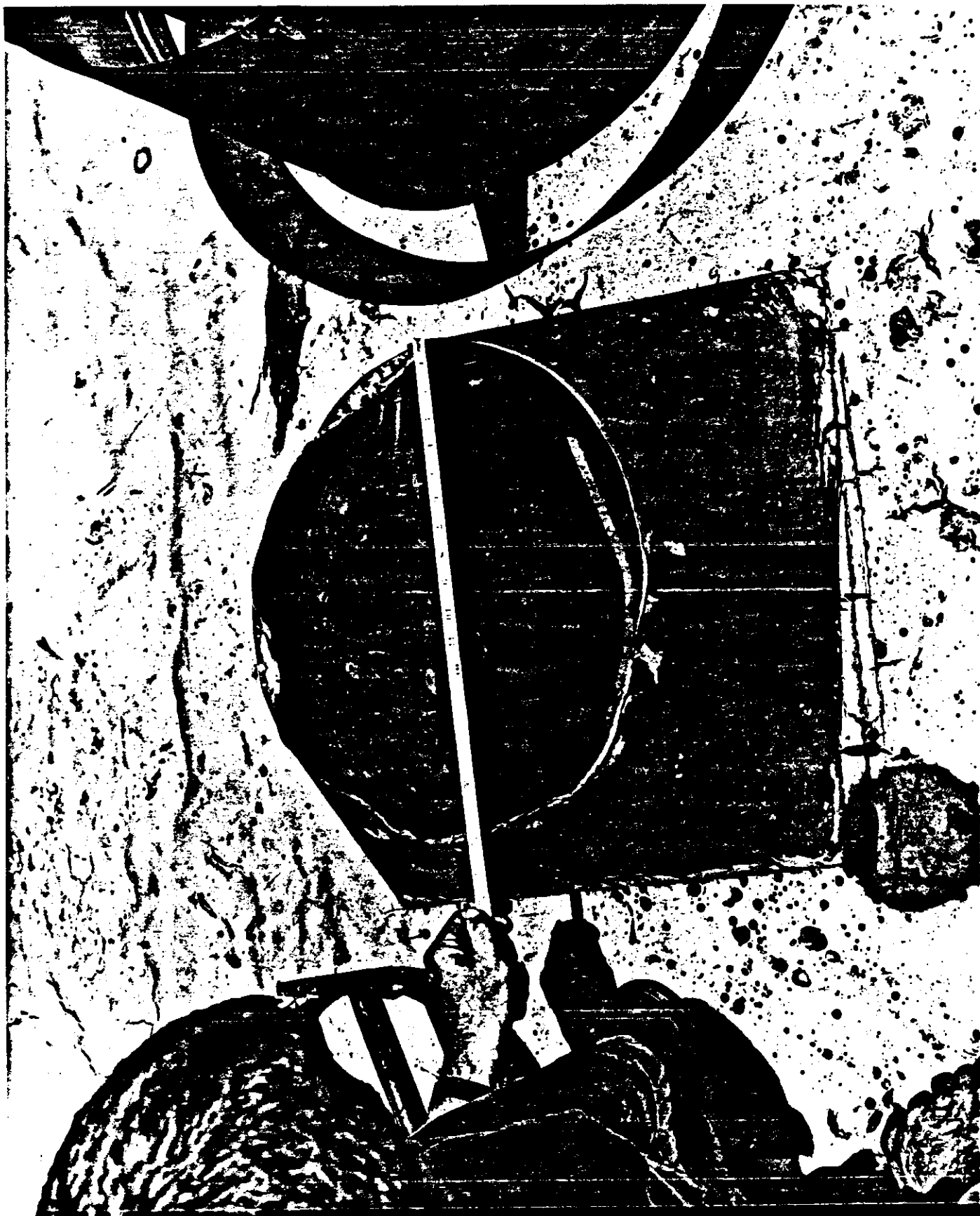
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1-4 Photo taken by photographer standing on pipe vent shown in 1-1 looking into the galvanized vent leading into space over Cell Block B. Photo taken in an eastern direction and shows one of the two re-enforcing rods which obstructed this hole and was bent to permit egress.

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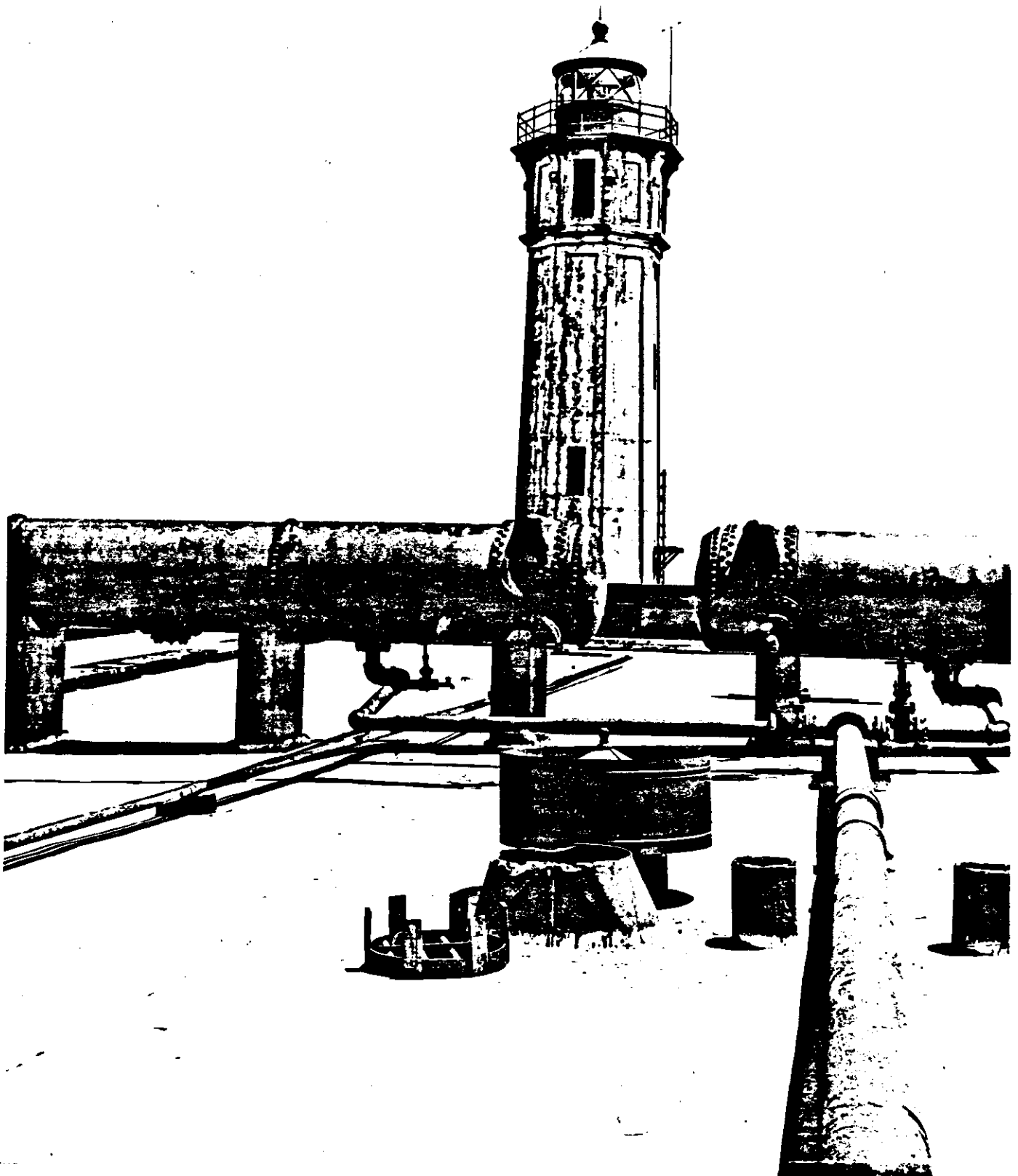
1-5 Photo same as 1-4 with the exception a tape is stretched across the opening showing the opening to be approximately eighteen inches in diameter.

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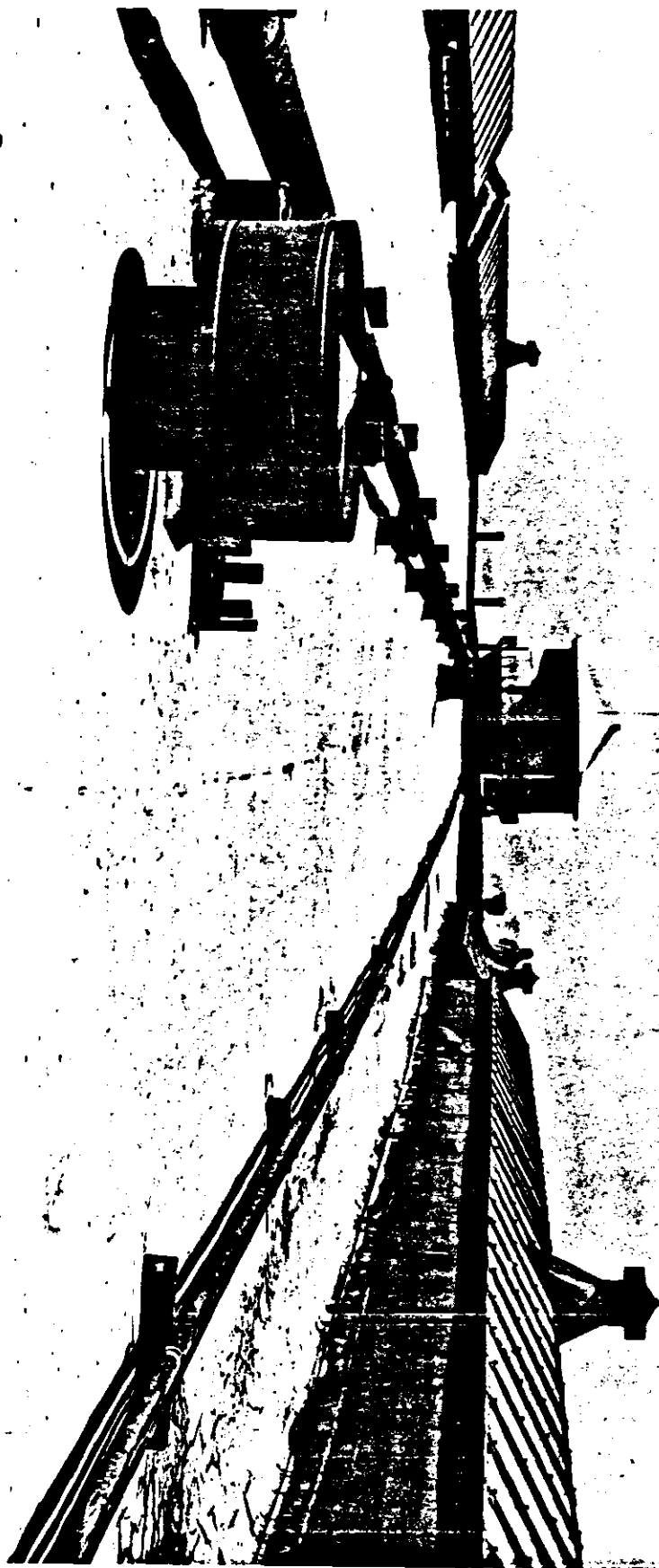
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1-6 Photograph taken on the top of building comprising Cell Block B looking in a southeast direction showing general view of building top with the Coast Guard lighthouse center rear. This lighthouse is not manned except in cases of emergency.

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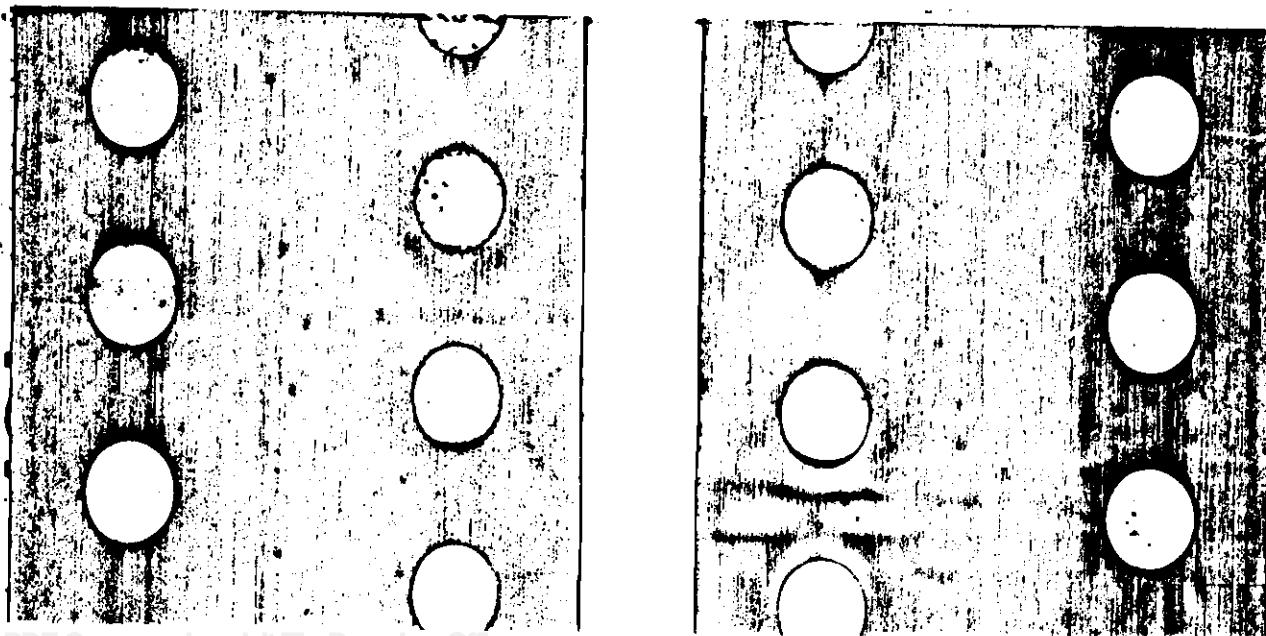
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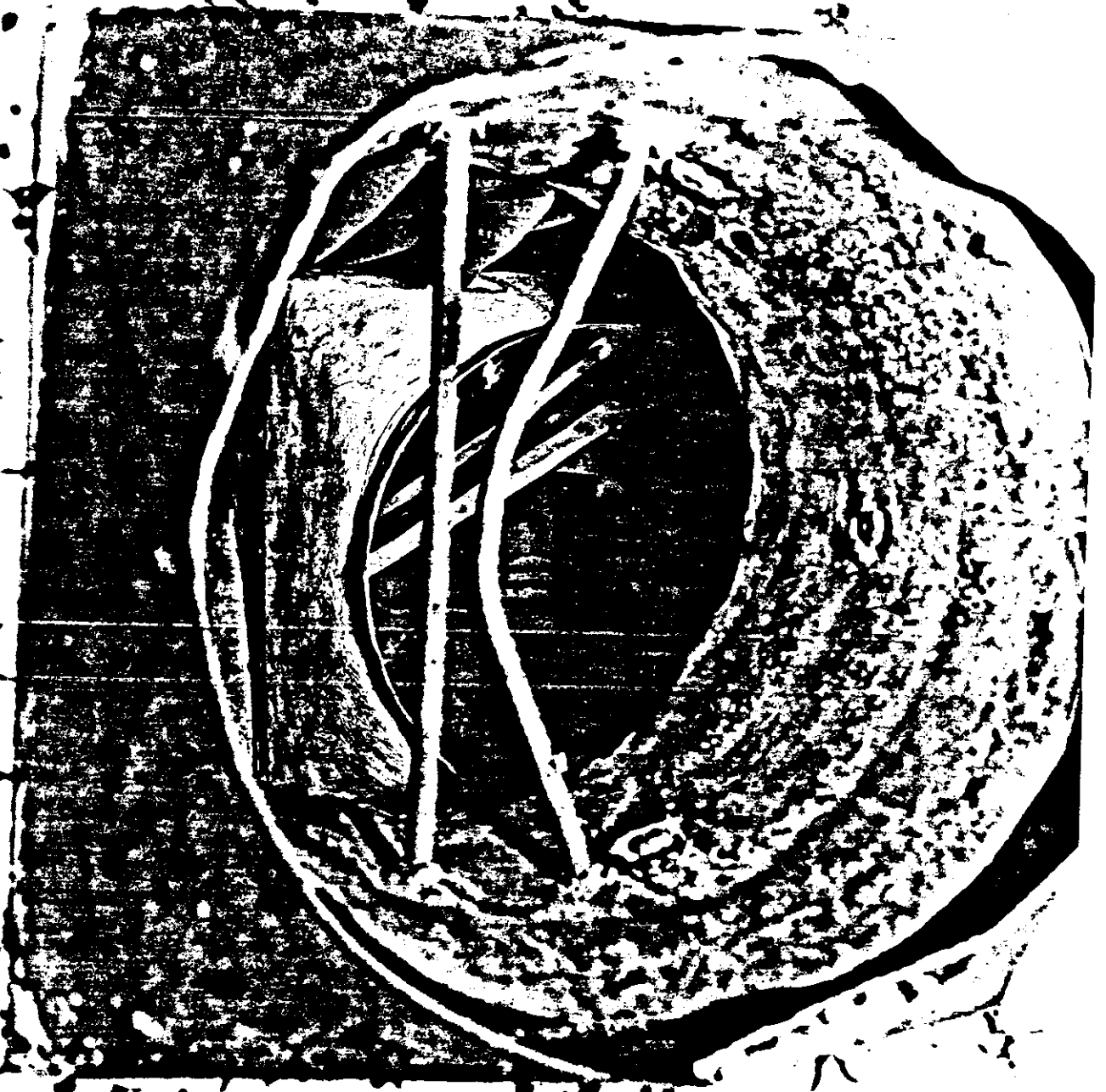


- 1-7 Photograph taken approximately twenty-five feet southeast of ventilator opening looking in a general northwesterly direction along the roof over Cell Block B toward water tower and is the direction foot prints led. The large skylights appearing on right and left center are skylights over the area between Cell Block A and B and at the far end of the photograph just below the catwalk around the water tower may be seen the catwalk which encircles the perimeter of the building and at the point where the pipes meet the end of the wall the catwalk drops down to a lower elevation of about six feet to eight feet and the far end of the building is reached by the catwalk.

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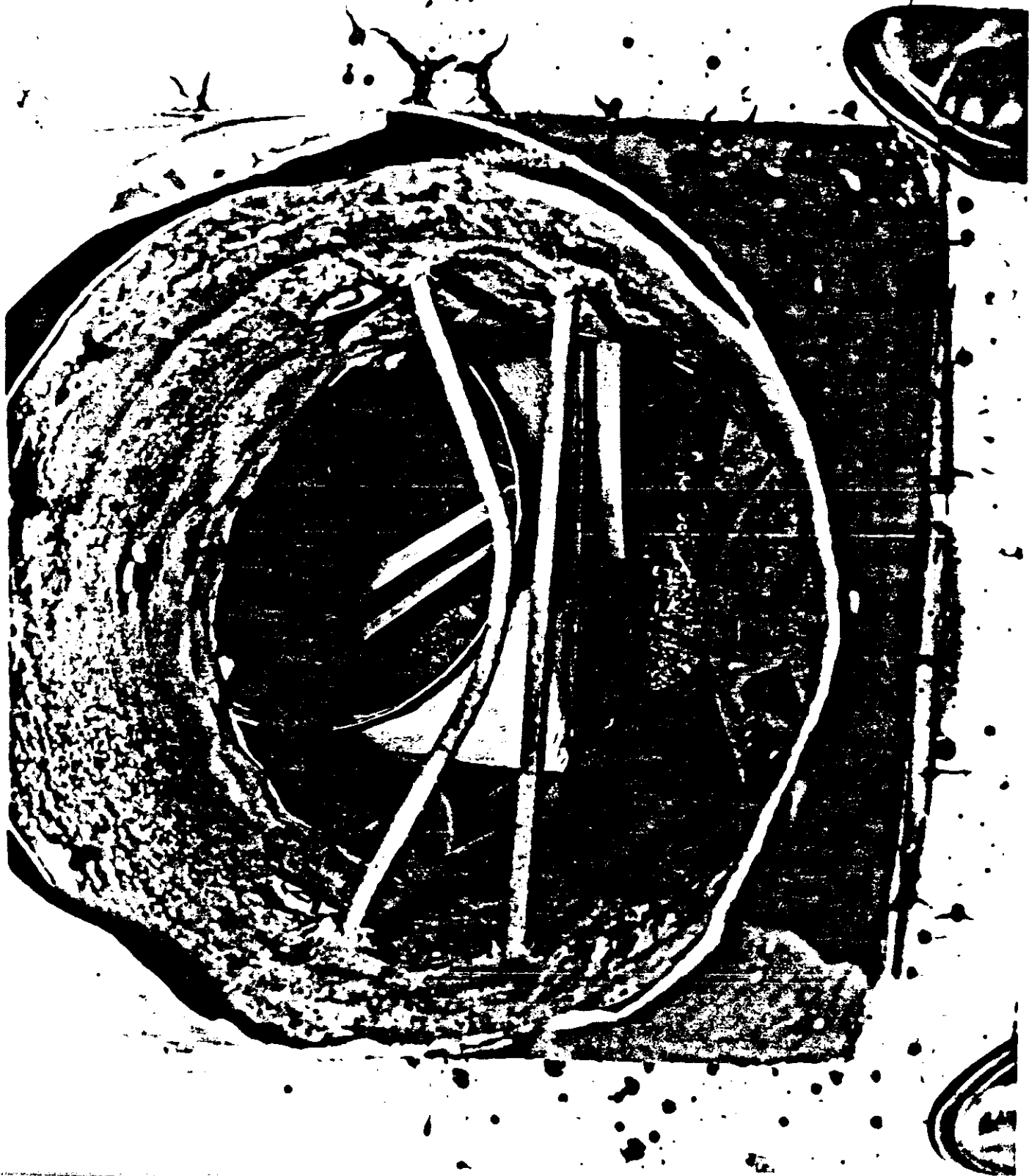
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1-8 This photograph was taken directly over the ventilator opening on the roof and shows the vent re-enforcing rod and the stud holes normally used to fasten down the heavy galvanized grate shown in photographs 1-1, 2, and 3. Immediately below the opening may be seen the top of the motor housing which is normally offset from the roof opening and when in operation is joined by a galvanized gooseneck connection. The blades of the "squirrel cage" type air impeller may be seen just above the bent portion of the re-enforcing rod. The bent rod is on the eastern side of the hole.

(Photo taken by SA [REDACTED] 6/12/62
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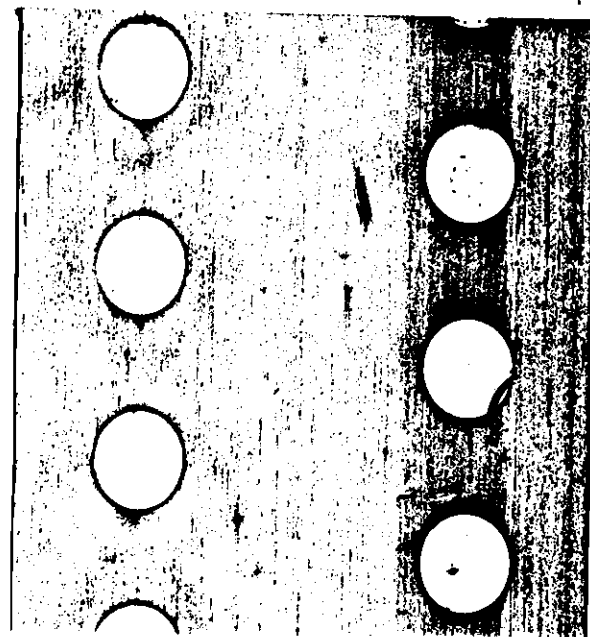
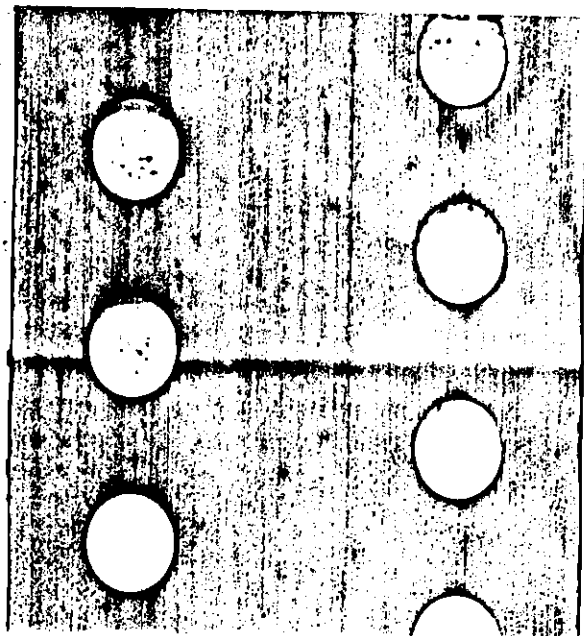


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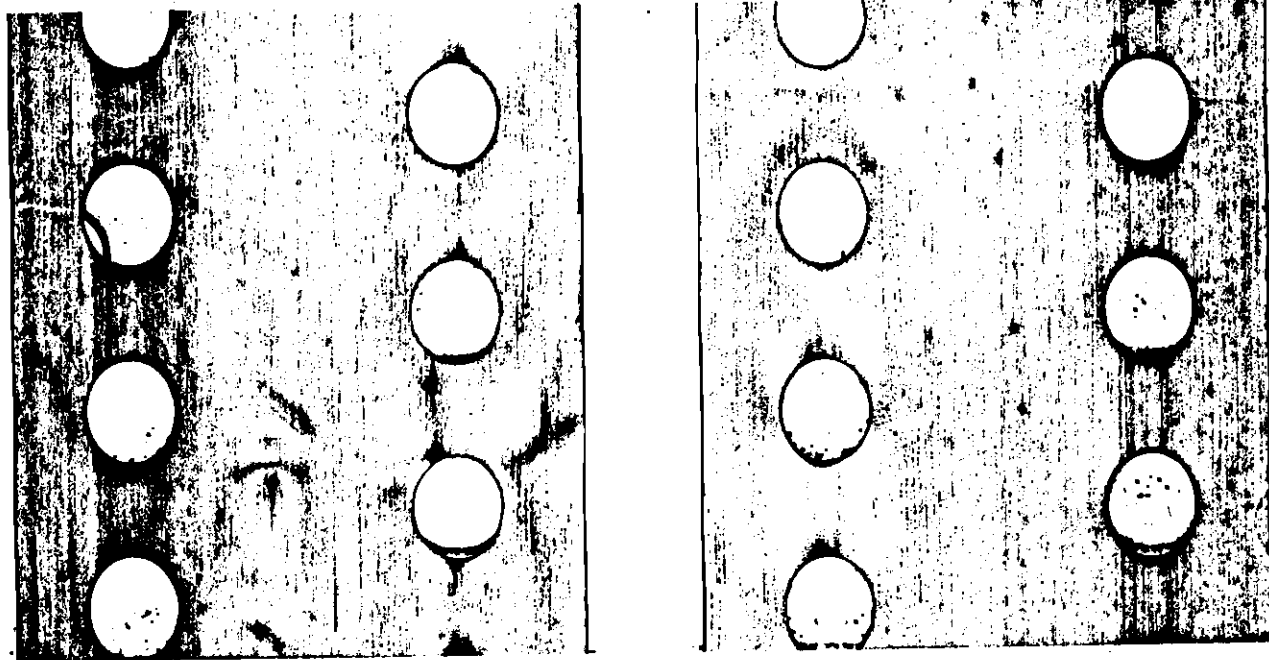
1-9 Same as 1-8 with the exception that more detail is shown concerning the blankets which were used to shield light from entering this opening.

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f 16 @ 50 Tri X)

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1-10 This is a photograph of an imprint of what appears to be the left foot. This print is headed in a northwesterly direction. The imprint appears to be that of the sole of a tennis shoe and is one of a number of fragmentary such prints visible on the roof indicating the direction of travel.

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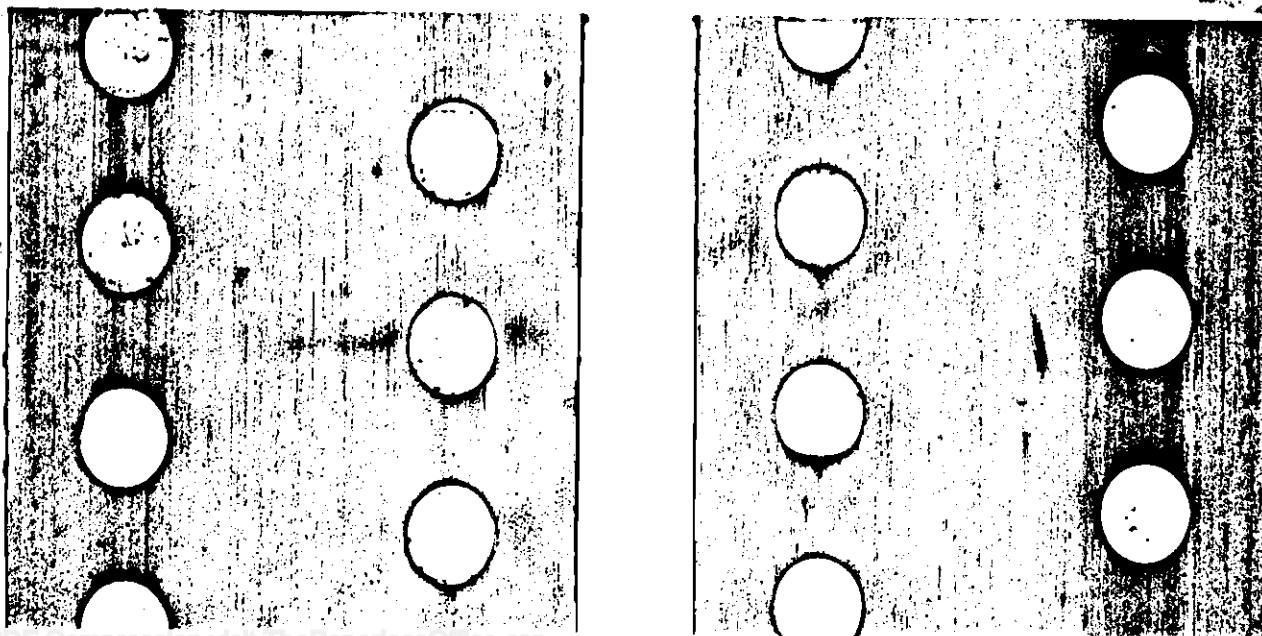
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1-11 Photograph of two foot-print impressions, left one being the same as appearing in 1-10. Both prints headed in a northwesterly direction toward the water tower. While the impression of the foot print at the right appears to be distorted, it is a clear print and the angle of the photograph makes it appear in a distorted manner. The distance between the two prints was four feet one and one-eighth inches, indicating that someone apparently was running. These photographs were taken between the utility pipe and the skylight, which may be seen in photograph 1-7.

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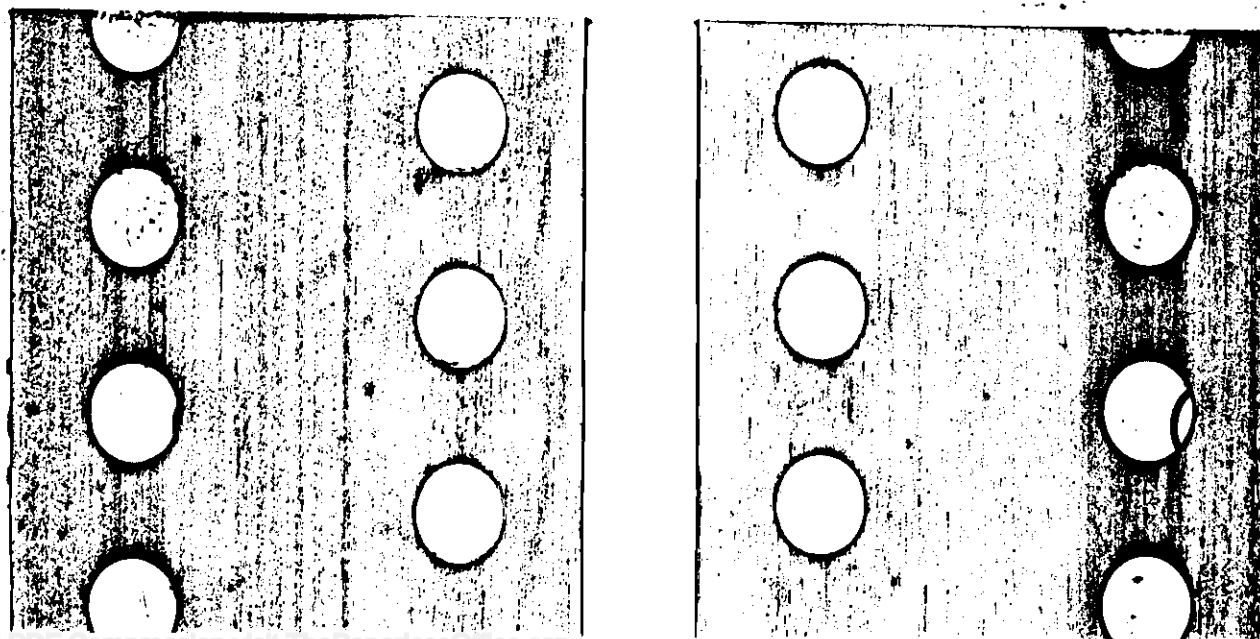


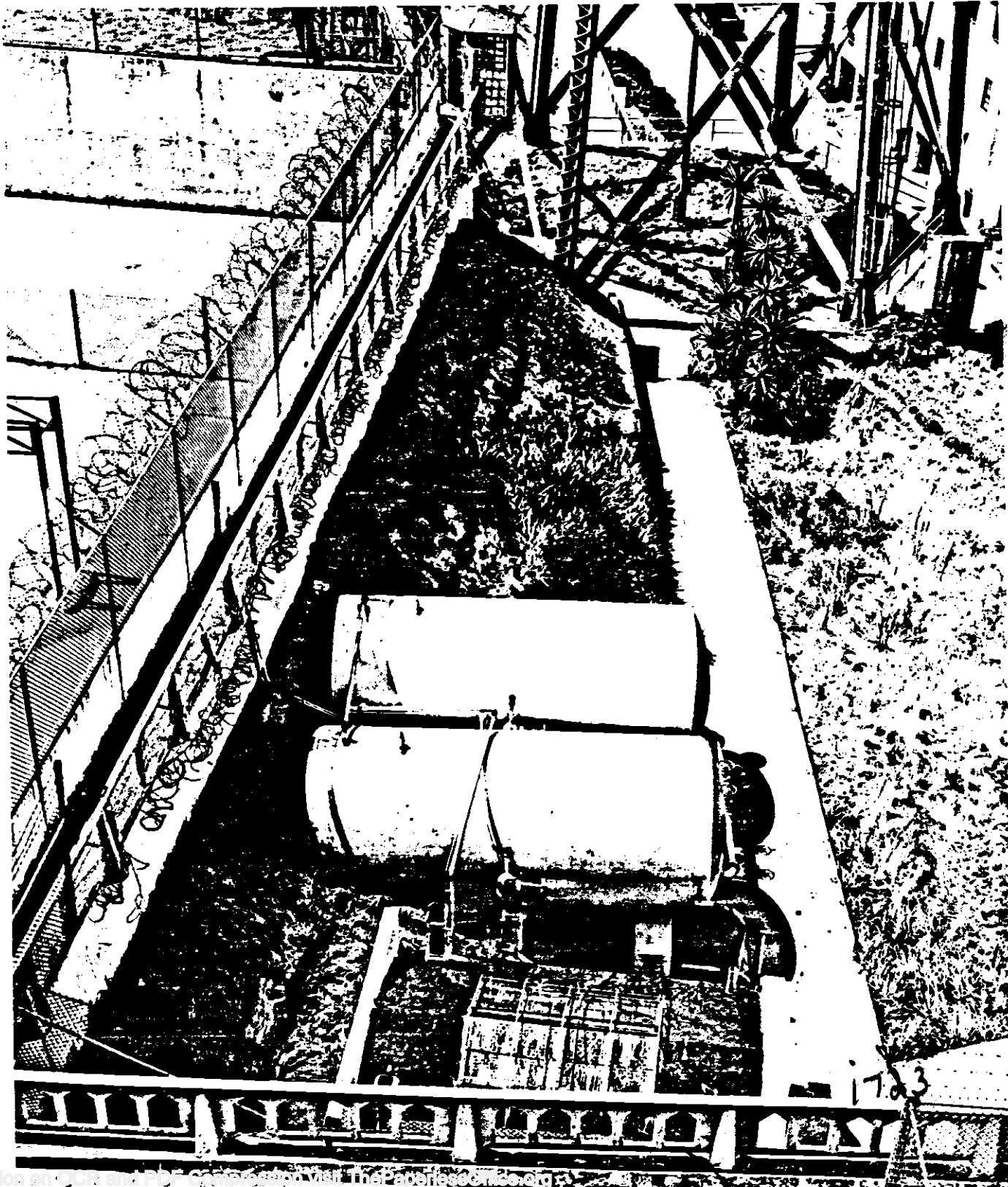
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1-12 This photograph was taken from the north end of the building looking down to the enclosed ground area which is believed to be the area the Subjects descended to. The distance from the top ledge of the building to the concrete shown in the lower foreground is approximately forty-five feet.

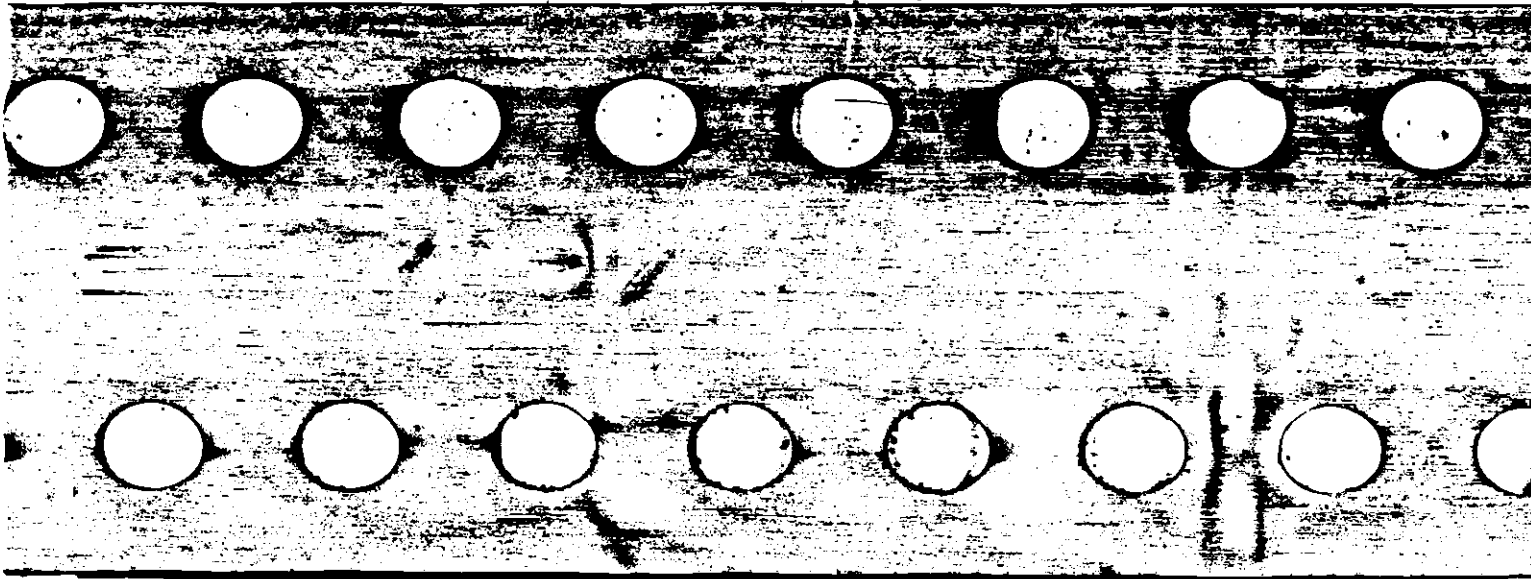
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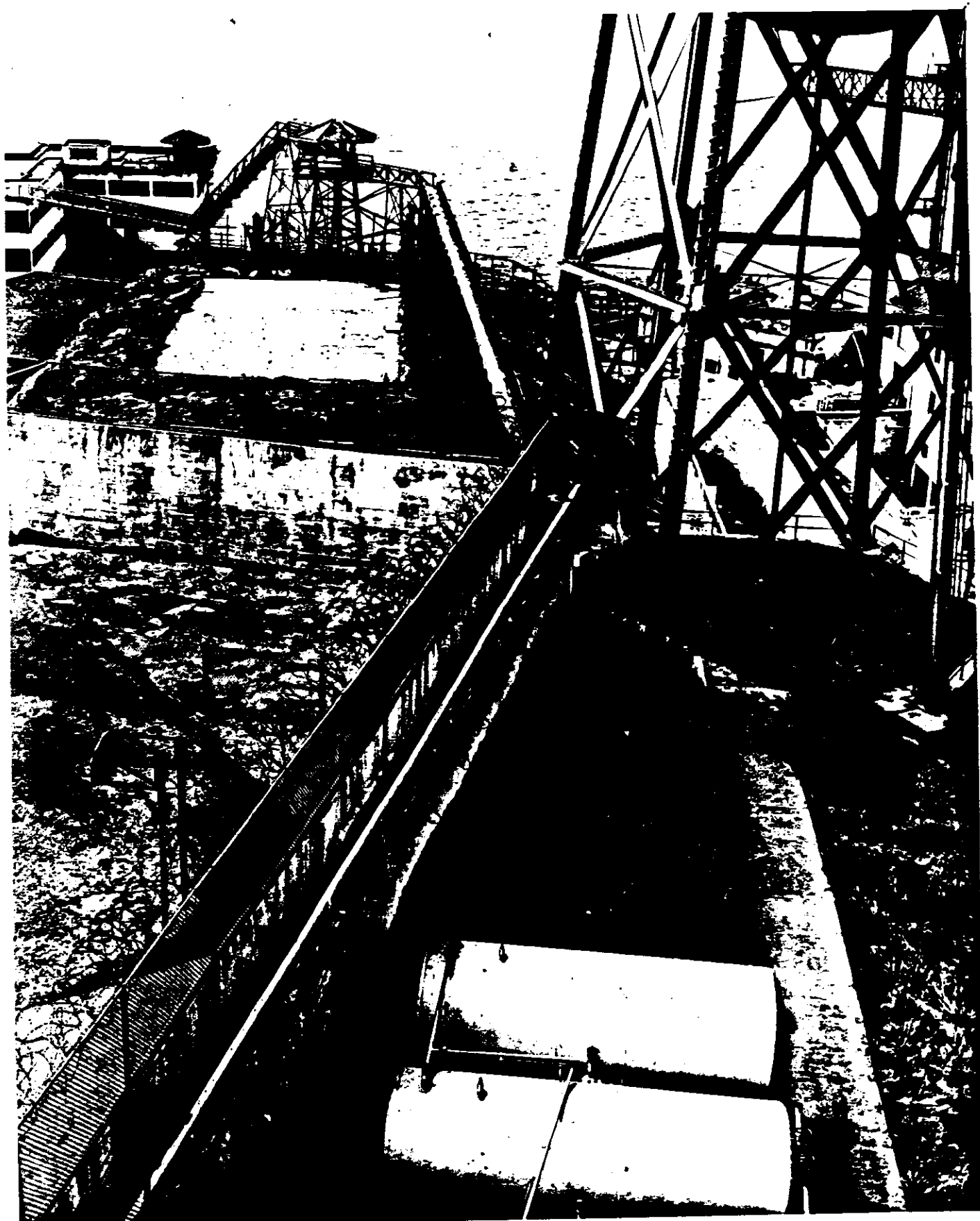


2-1 Photograph taken from top of prison building looking in a northern direction. The concrete decorative wall shown at bottom of photograph is the same as appearing at the top of 1-12. The two tanks shown in the foreground are salt water tanks with the base of the water tower shown at upper right. Top center is guardhouse number 3 and is not manned during the night hours. It is noted that lower left center along the fence, which encloses the walk to guard tower number 2, the barbed wire appears to have been cut and may have been the area over which the Subjects were able to make their escape.

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f 16 @ 100 Plus X Pan Film)

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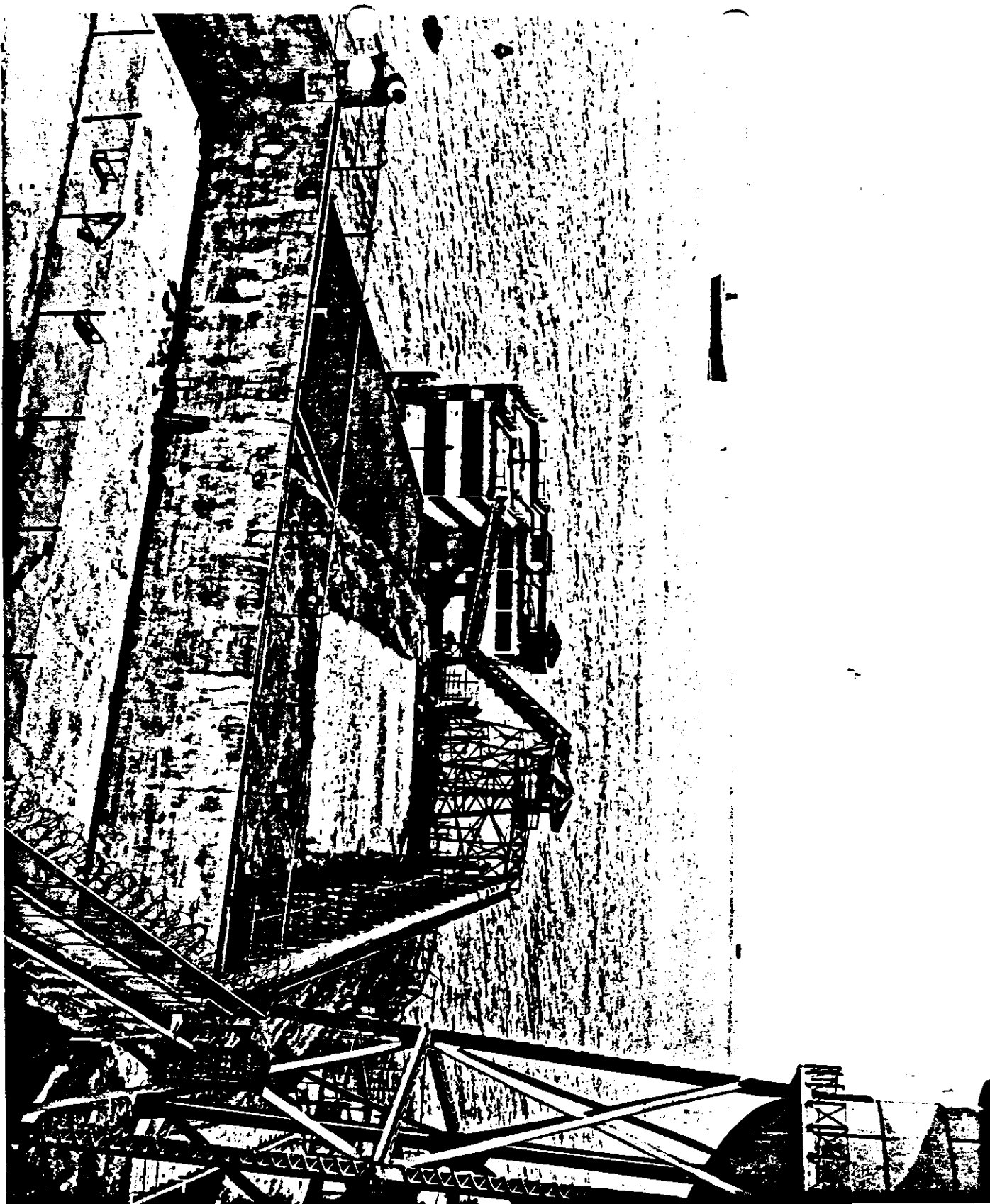


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2-2 A general northern view taken from the top of the prison building. The area immediately to the left and center is the recreation area and at the far end may be seen guard tower number 4 and guard tower number 3 and guard tower number 2. None of these guard towers are manned during the night.

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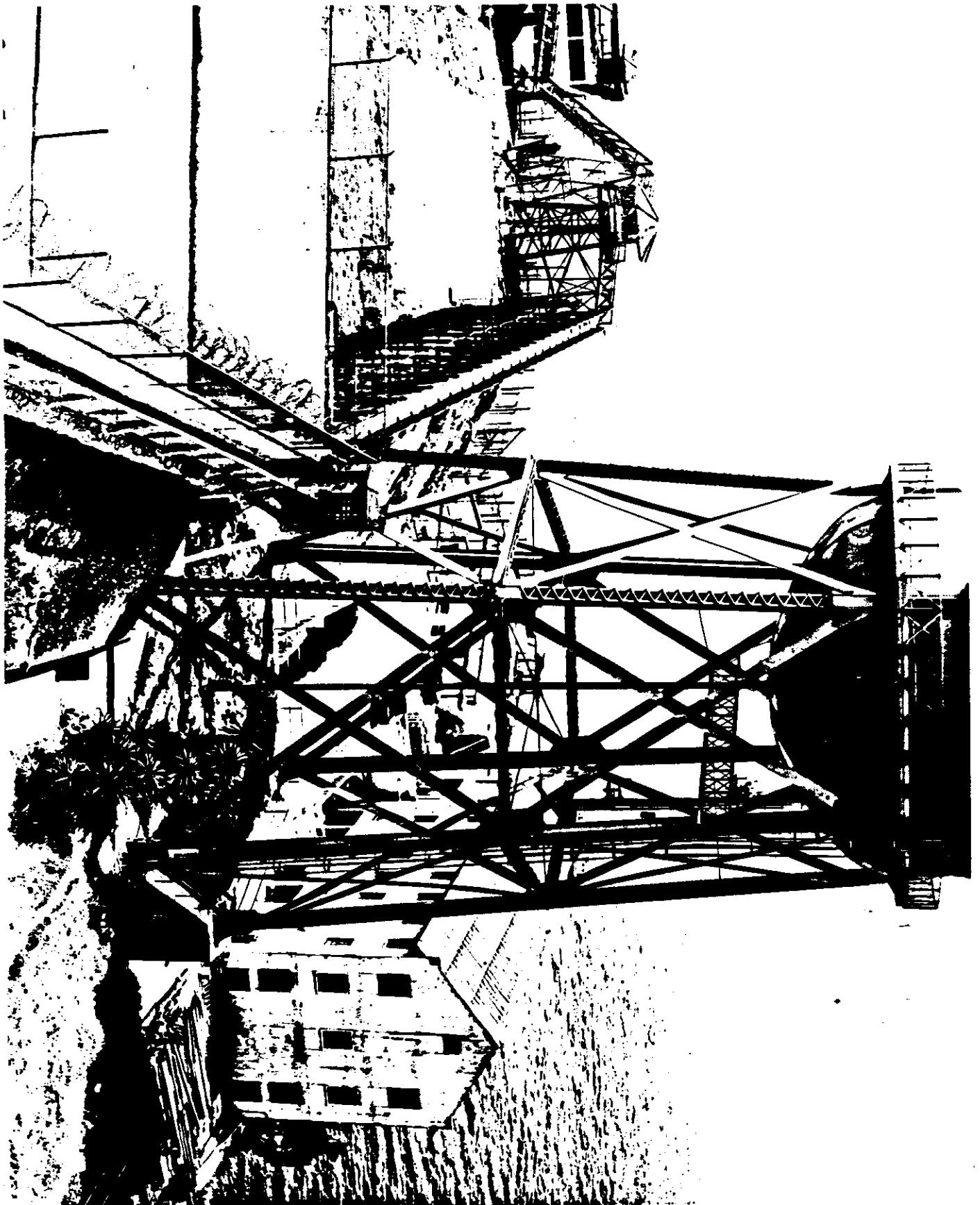
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2-3 Same general view as 2-2 except that a larger portion of the recreation area is visible.

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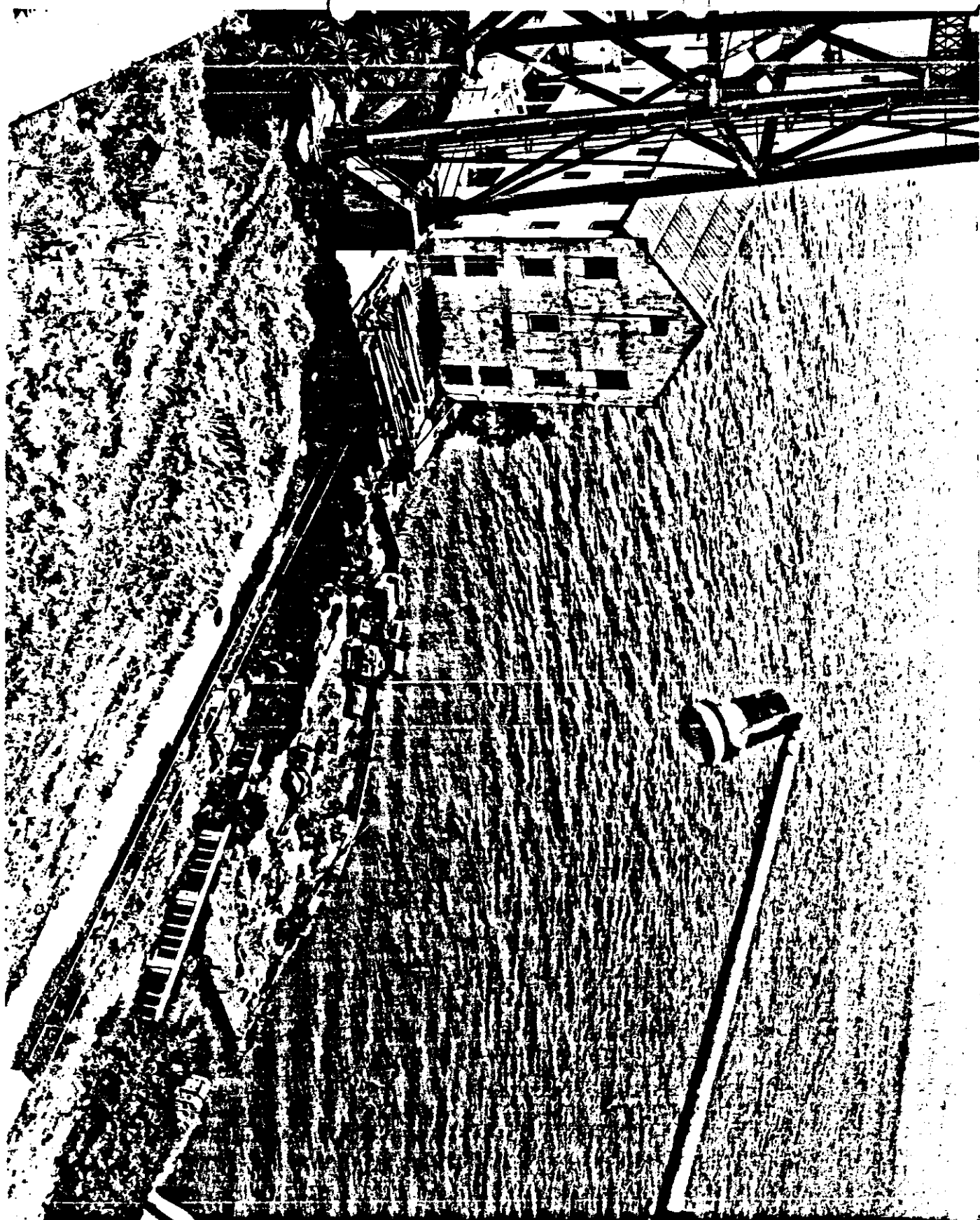
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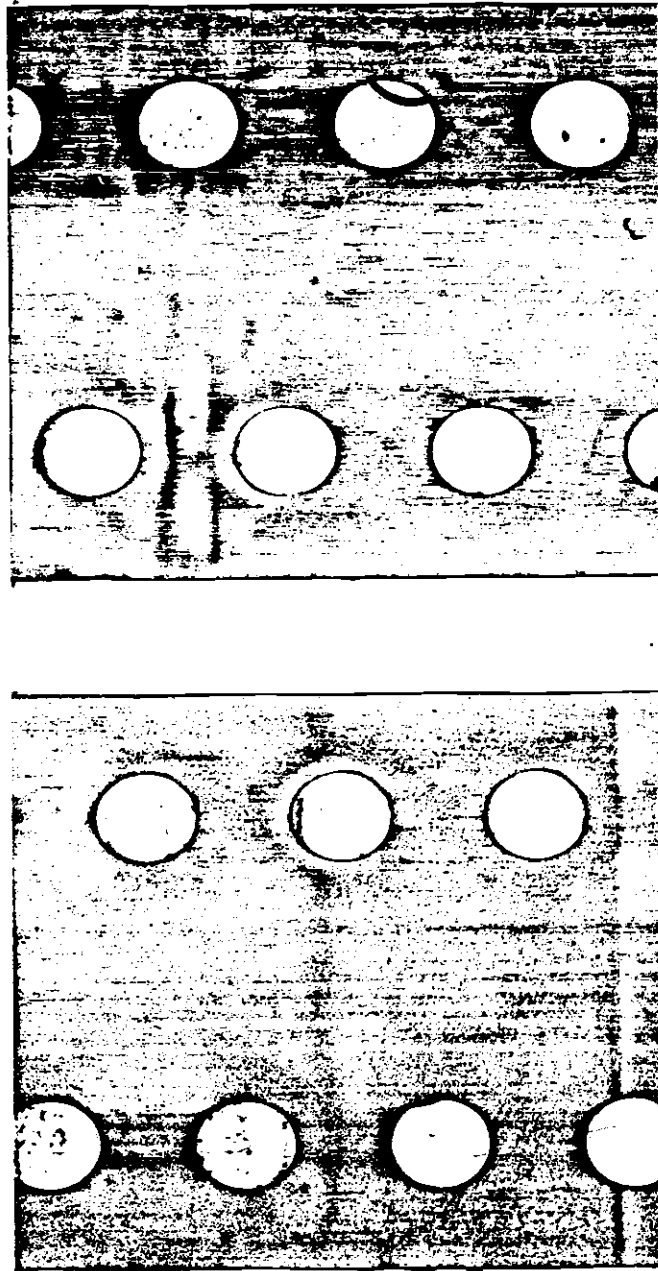


2-4 Same general view as previous photographs with the exception that the industrial building is shown in more detail.

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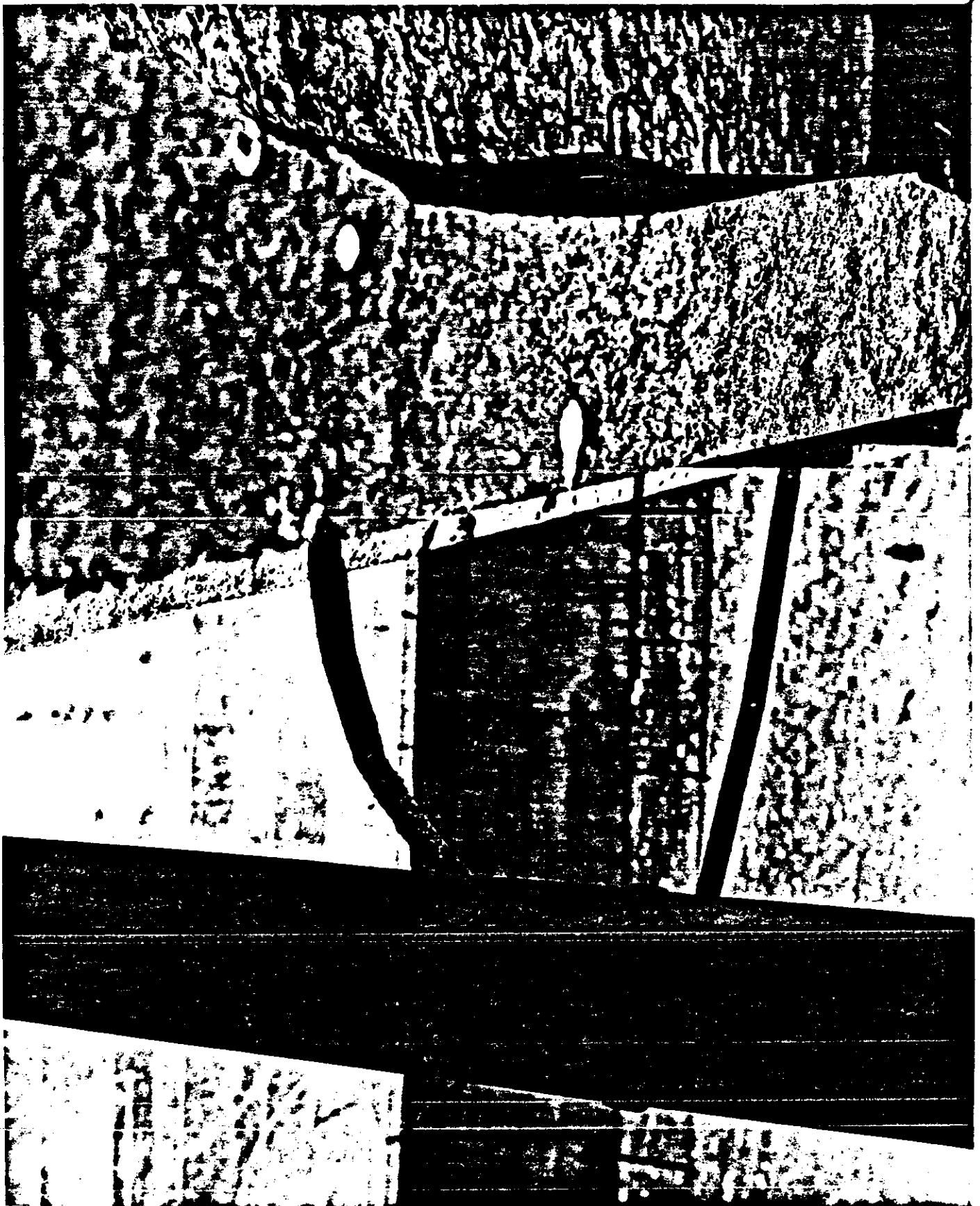
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Photograph taken from roof as in preceding photograph, however this photograph shows the type of electrical fixture used to flood the sides of the building with light during the evening hours. Two such lights are spaced across the narrow or protruding end of the prison building and are spaced approximately ten to twelve feet apart. These lights receive their power from an externally mounted outlet on the inside of the edge of the roof and all connections were found to be tight and show no indications of having been tampered with. All lights were found to be in working order and were illuminated at the request of the photographer. The area at lower right is leading to the water line. It is the area believed to have been used by the Subjects in reaching the water.

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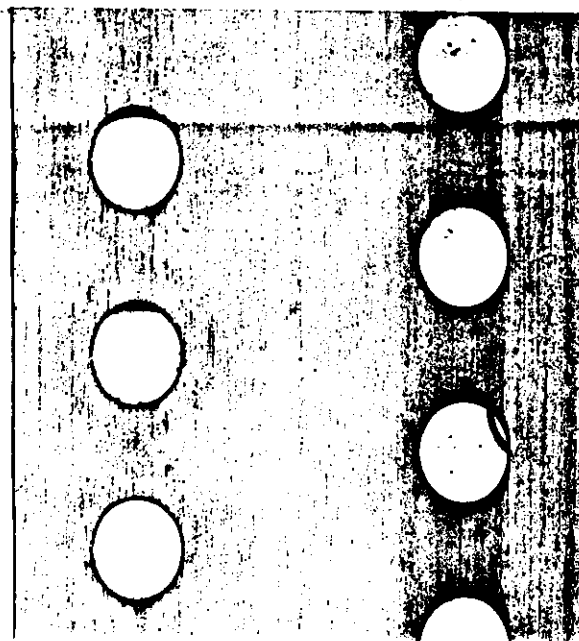
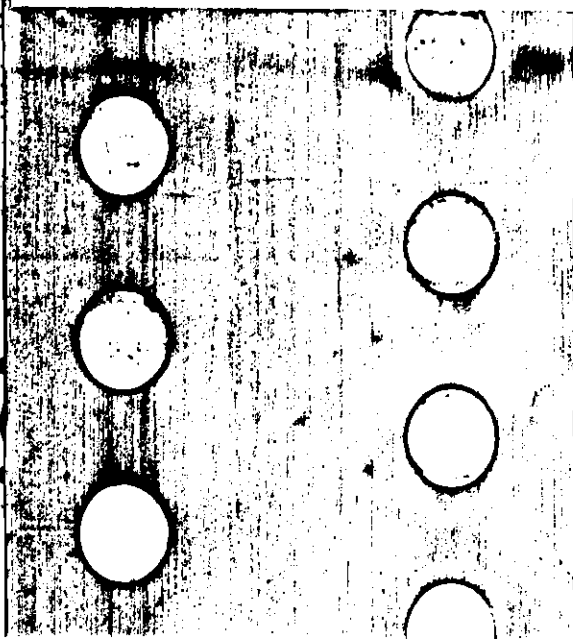
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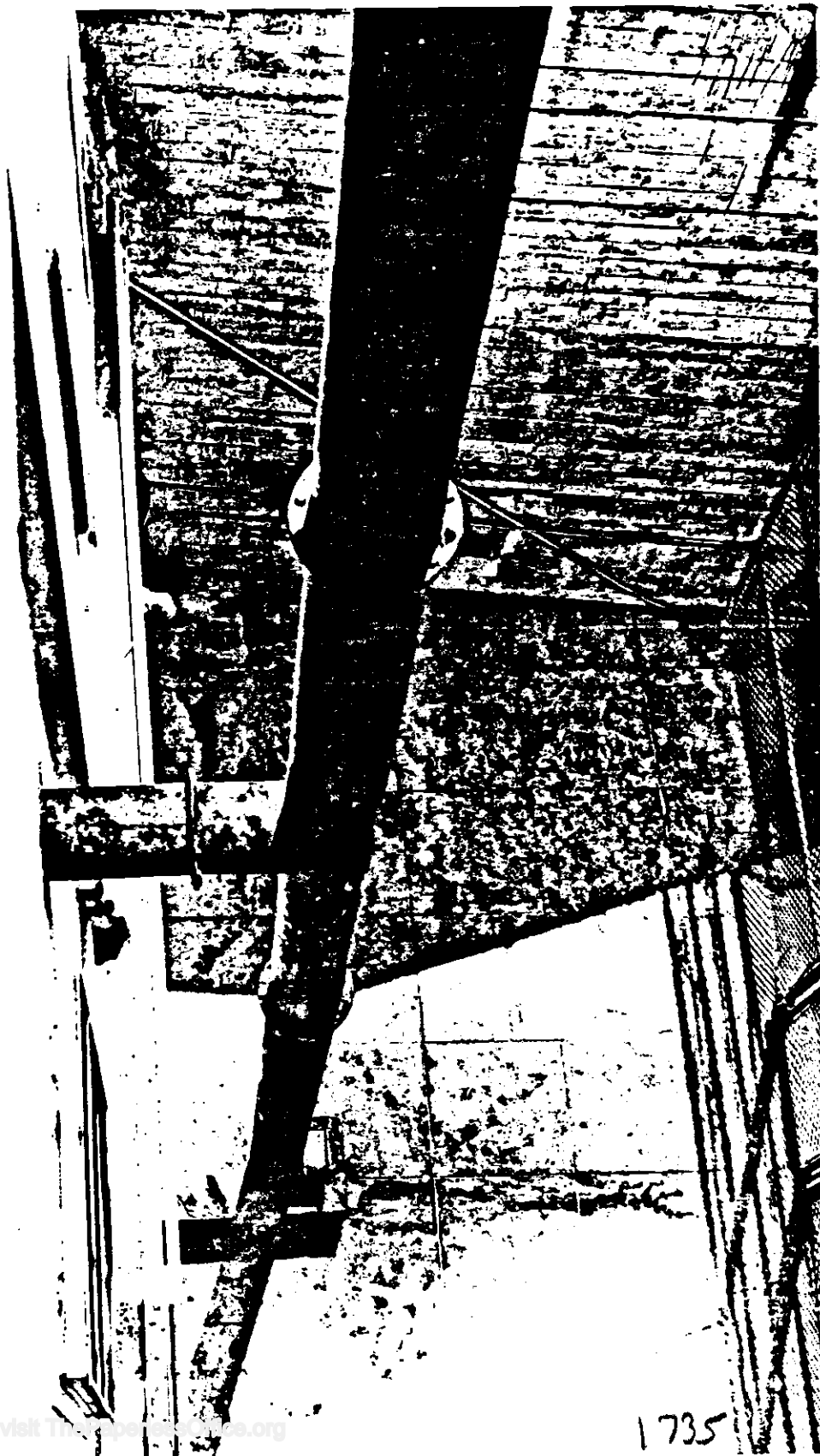
2-6 Photograph taken from top of prison building showing the edge of the building which extended approximately twenty-eight to thirty inches above the roof line. Immediately to the right will be observe angle iron brackets used to support the stack from the bake oven. This stack extends several feet above the edge of the roof and is approximately ten to twelve inches in diameter and appears to be made of cast iron.

The portion of the bracket which is visible in center foreground is noted to be bent. Prison guard [REDACTED] observed that this is a recent bend as he is quite certain this was not there the last time he observed it approximately a month ago. The stack extends to practically ground level on the exterior of the building.

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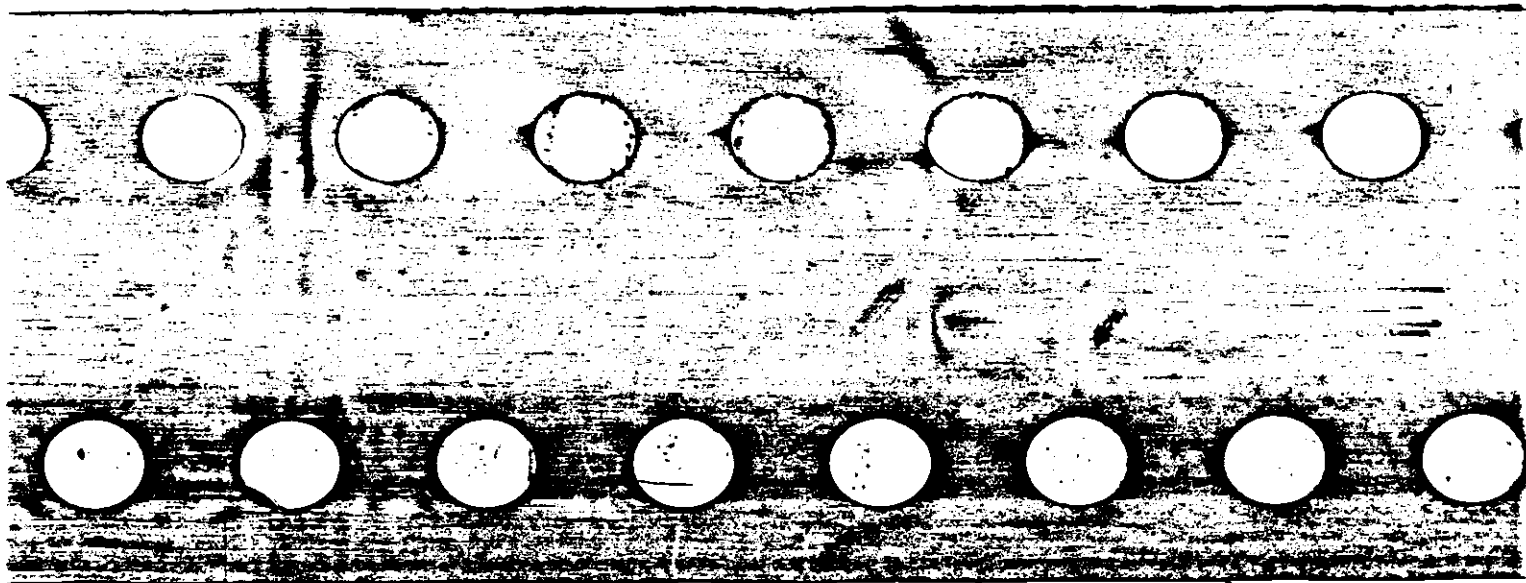


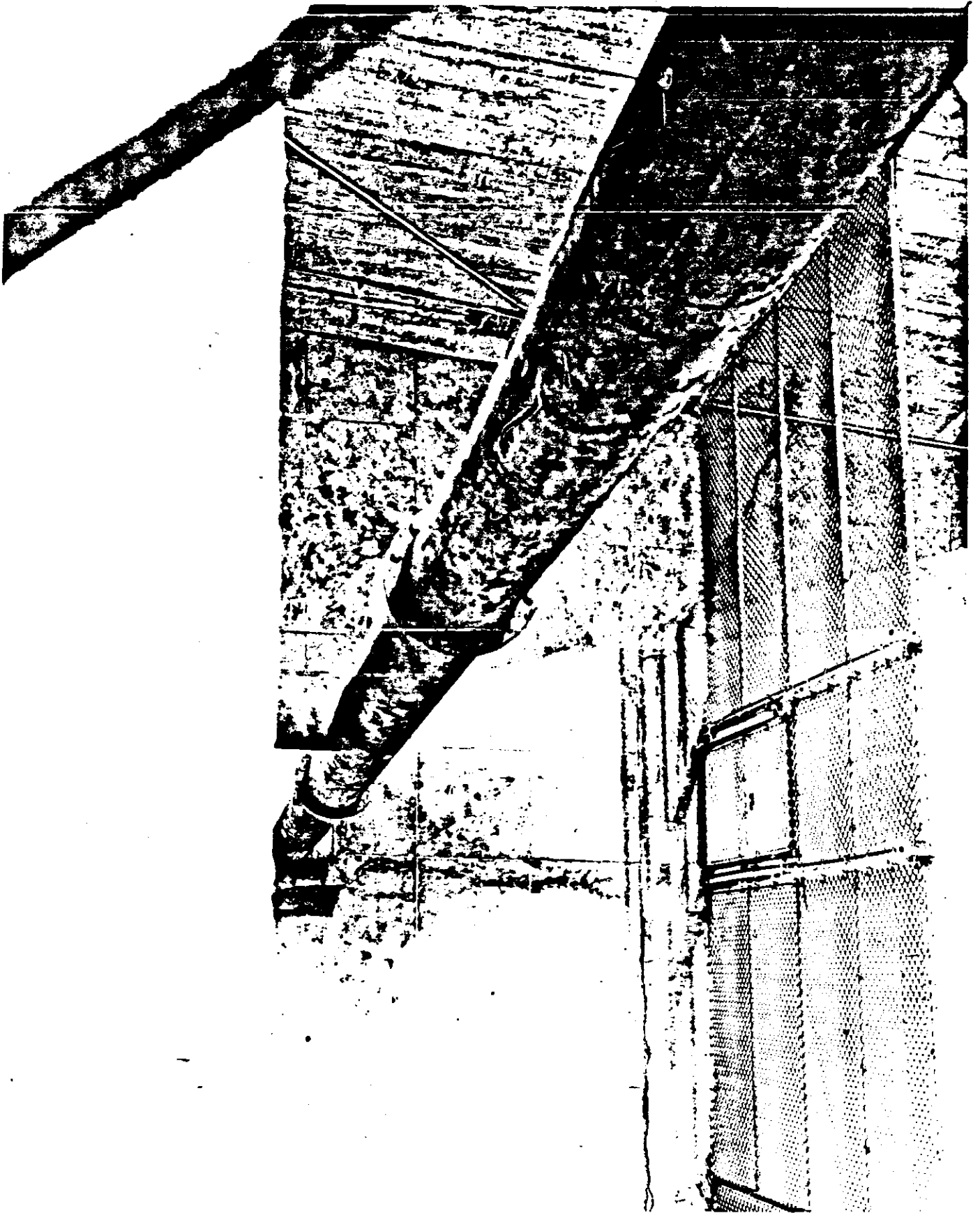


2-7 Photograph taken by leaning over the edge of the building showing the bake oven stack extending from above the roof line to the clean out on the concrete slab at ground level. The edge of the building is at left center and the distance from this to ground level is approximately forty-five feet. The wire screen topped with barbed wire seen at lower right is approximately twelve feet high.

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f 16 @ 100 Plus X Pan Film)

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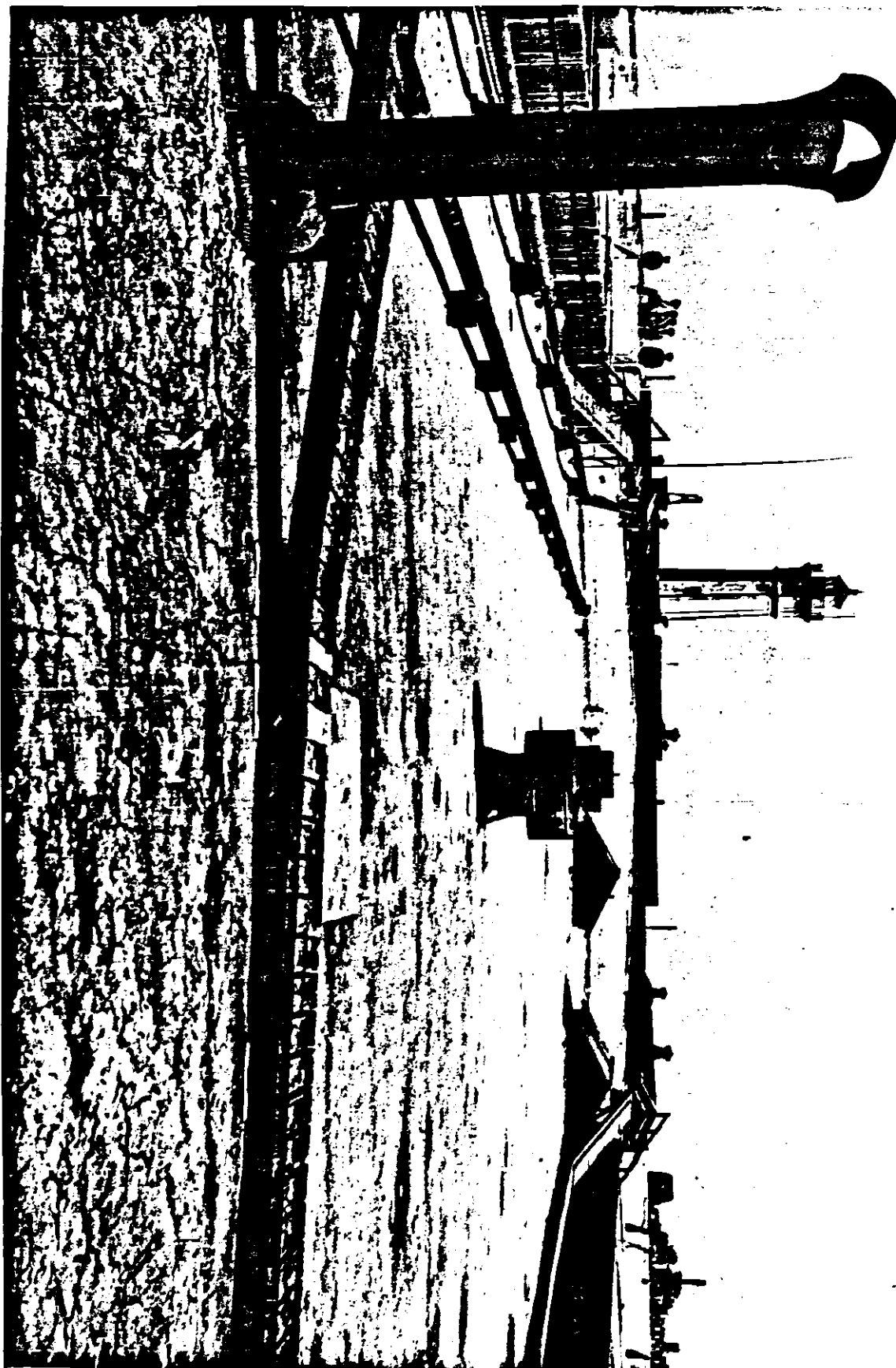


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2-8 Same general view as 2-7.

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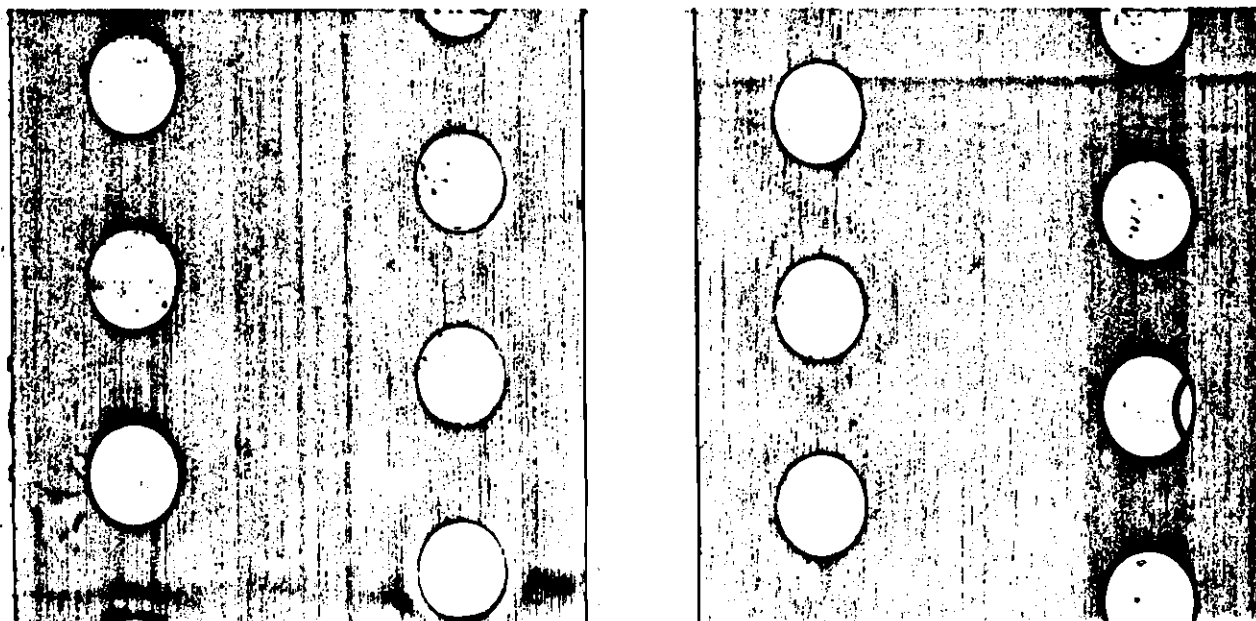
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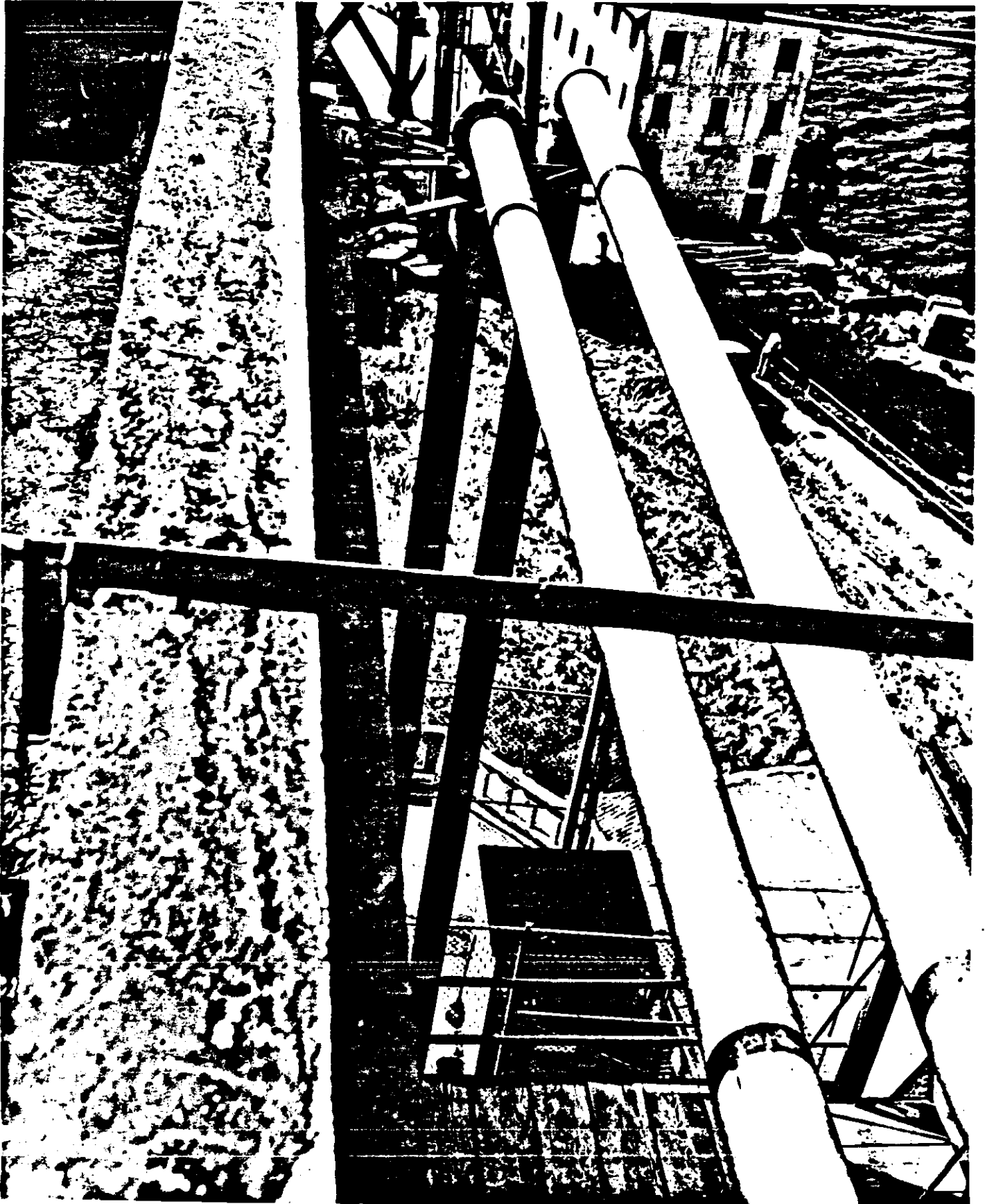


2-10 Photograph taken showing general roof area looking in a southerly direction from the bake oven stack toward the Coast Guard lighthouse. The change in the roof elevation from Cell Block A, B, and C, etc., may be observed with catwalks running on both sides of the picture. A paddle was found under the catwalk in approximate location indicated by the individuals seen in the photograph left center.

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f 16 @ 100 Plus X Pan Film)

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2-11 Photograph taken from roof of building at the northeast corner showing aluminum-plated utility pipes descending to ground level. These pipes are approximately six inches in diameter. Lower center of photograph shows the landing outside of the third floor entrance to the prison building. Stairs lead from this landing to the ground level in the same area as shown in photograph 1-12, however this corner of the building is illuminated by three flood lamps and is clearly visible to the guard in tower number 1 which is manned twenty-four hours a day. The angle iron crossbrace shown in the center of the photograph is the type used to support the illumination. Upper left hand corner shows the type of electrical connection for these lamps.

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3-2 Photograph of the same cell taken head-on showing the opening at the rear of the cell under the wash basin which permitted Subject CLARENCE ANGLIN to escape. In this photograph the hole is partially covered by a piece of cardboard, the source of which and use of which is unknown.

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f 16 @ 50 Tri X)

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3-3 Photograph taken in Cell 152 B from foot of bed looking toward head of bed.

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Photograph taken in the cell of CLARENCE ANGLIN showing detail of toilet facility at foot of bed. Portions of soap scraps and plaster are visible as are fragments of hair. Immediately forward of the toilet seat is a portion of the grill made by Subjects to replace that removed from the cell. The portion of the small circular object seen is the cup which is supplied to prisoners for shaving purposes. This cup contained water and a brush.

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front view of yoke type vest being worn by Special Agent.
(Photo by SA [REDACTED] 6/14/62)

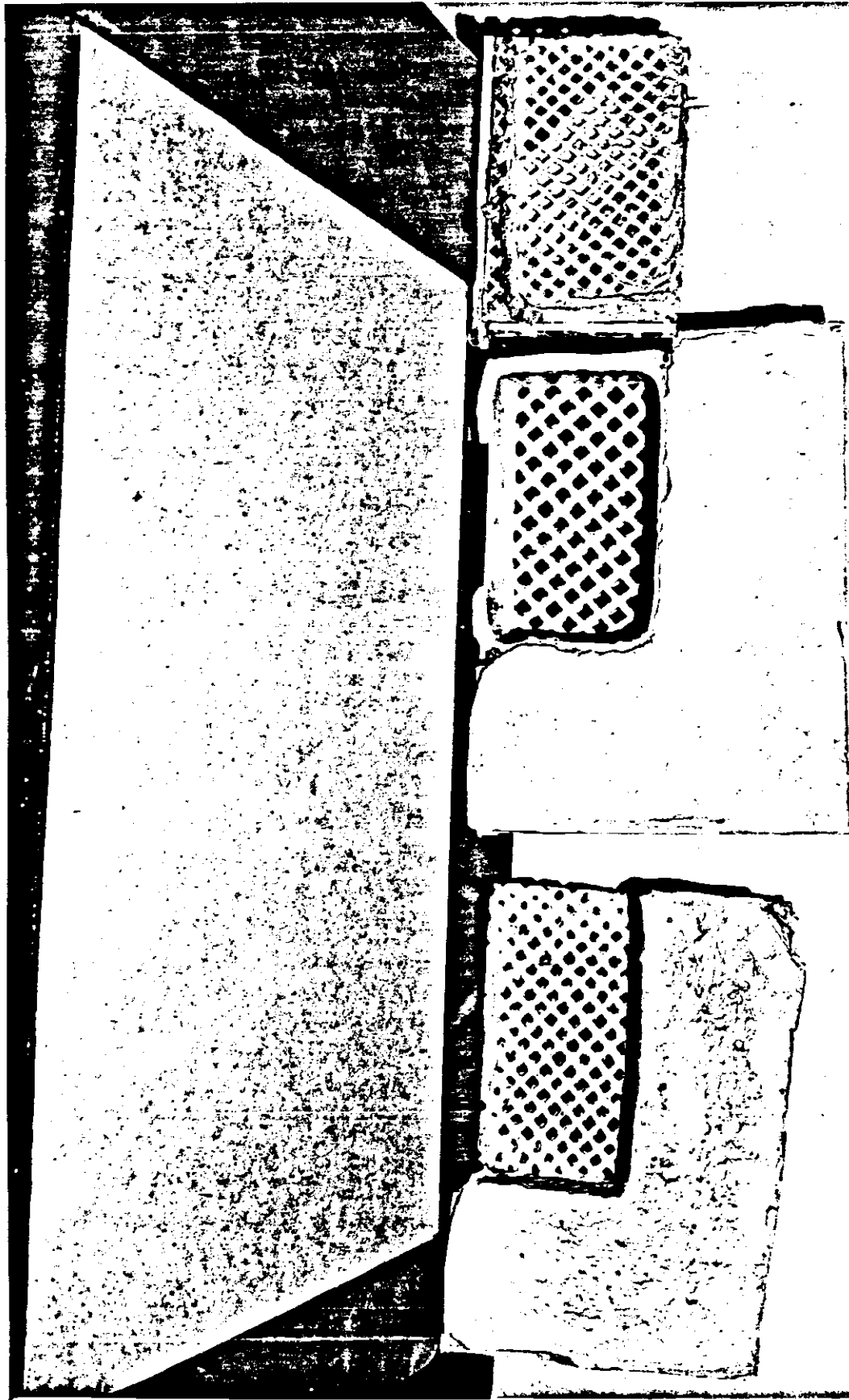
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Rear view of yoke type vest being modeled by Special Agent.

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Replicas of ventilator grills placed in openings in cells through which Subjects exited to utility area between cell blocks B and A. Replica on the left is the actual size of the metal grill originally in the wall; it was reproduced, as were all the rest, from artist's drawing board which was faced with a linen-type substance. This material is available to all inmates for art painting purposes.

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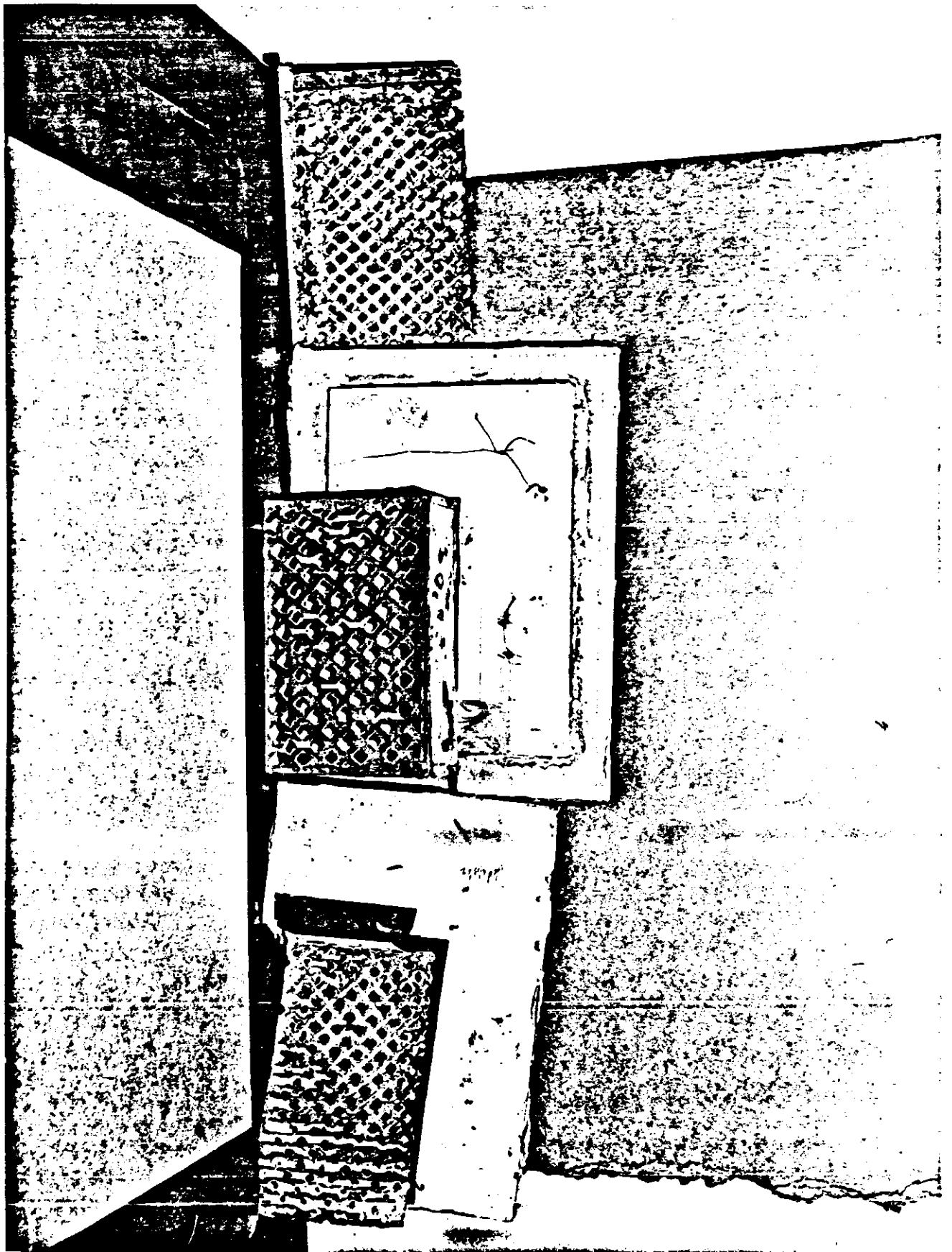
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3-7 Photograph taken from third tier entry into utility service shaft. The ladder seen at left leads to the top of C Cell Block. Cell Block B is on the right. It will be noted that this ladder was tied to a pipe. The bag behind the ladder contained powdered paint cement of the type used in building the area of A and B Cell Blocks.

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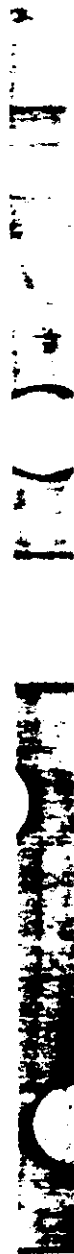
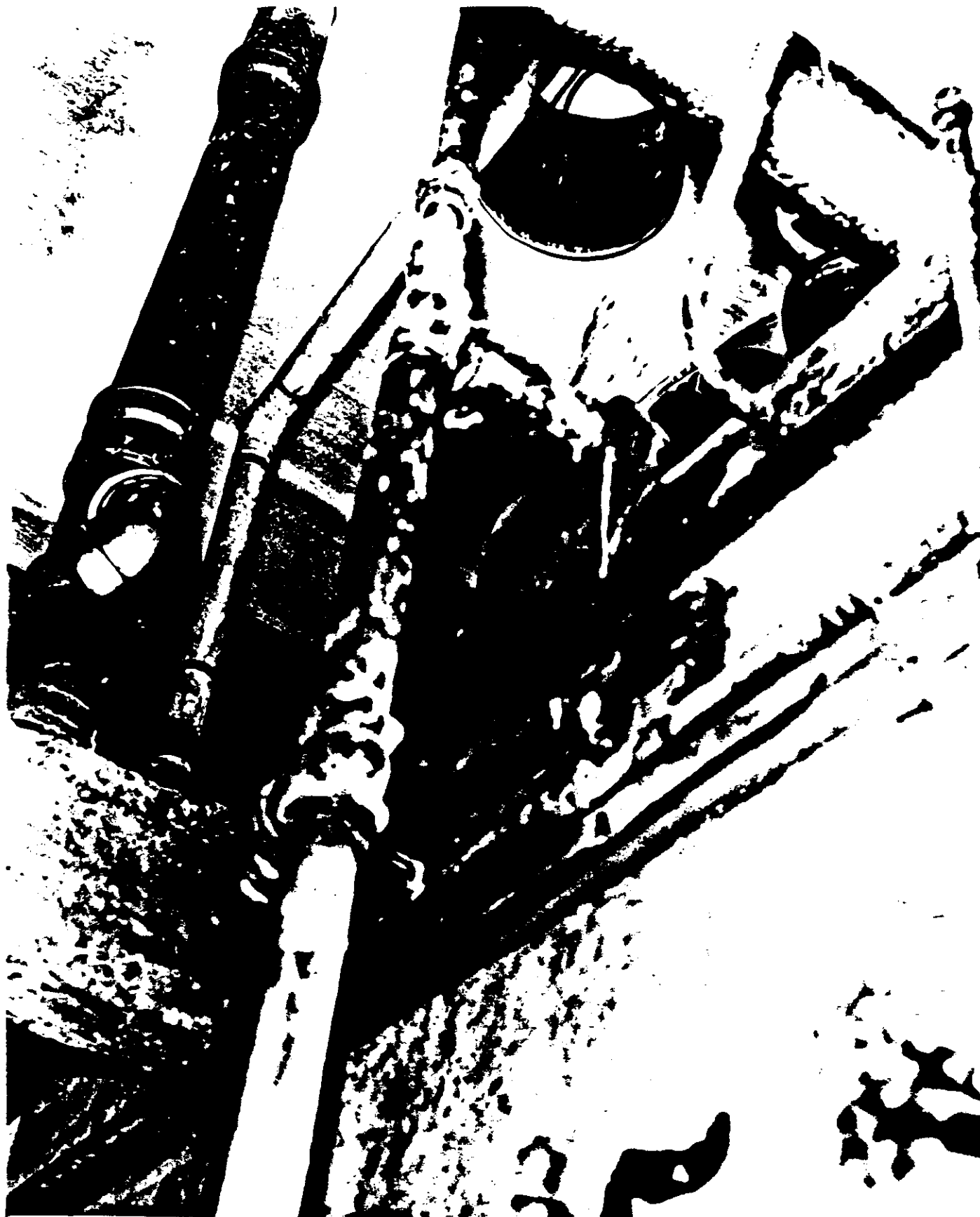
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Rear view of three replicas of ventilator grills used by Subjects to replace original grills in their three cells. Note wire hooks by which grill and surrounding surface could be pulled into place after Subject's exit into the utility area.

(Photo by SA [REDACTED] 6/14/62)

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3-8 Photograph taken from plank catwalk in service utility corridor looking up to the roof opening for the ventilator. The vent re-enforcing bars noted in photograph 1-8 may be seen. The motor housing for the ventilating system is visible off center of the roof hole.

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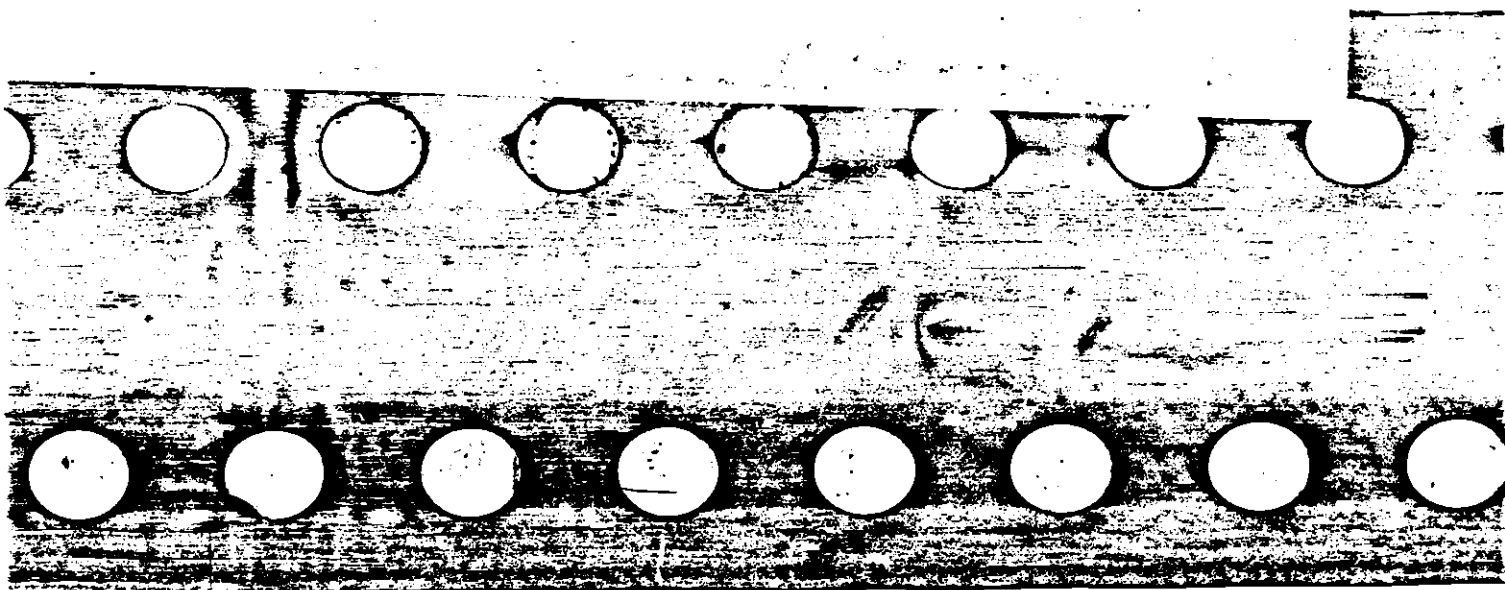
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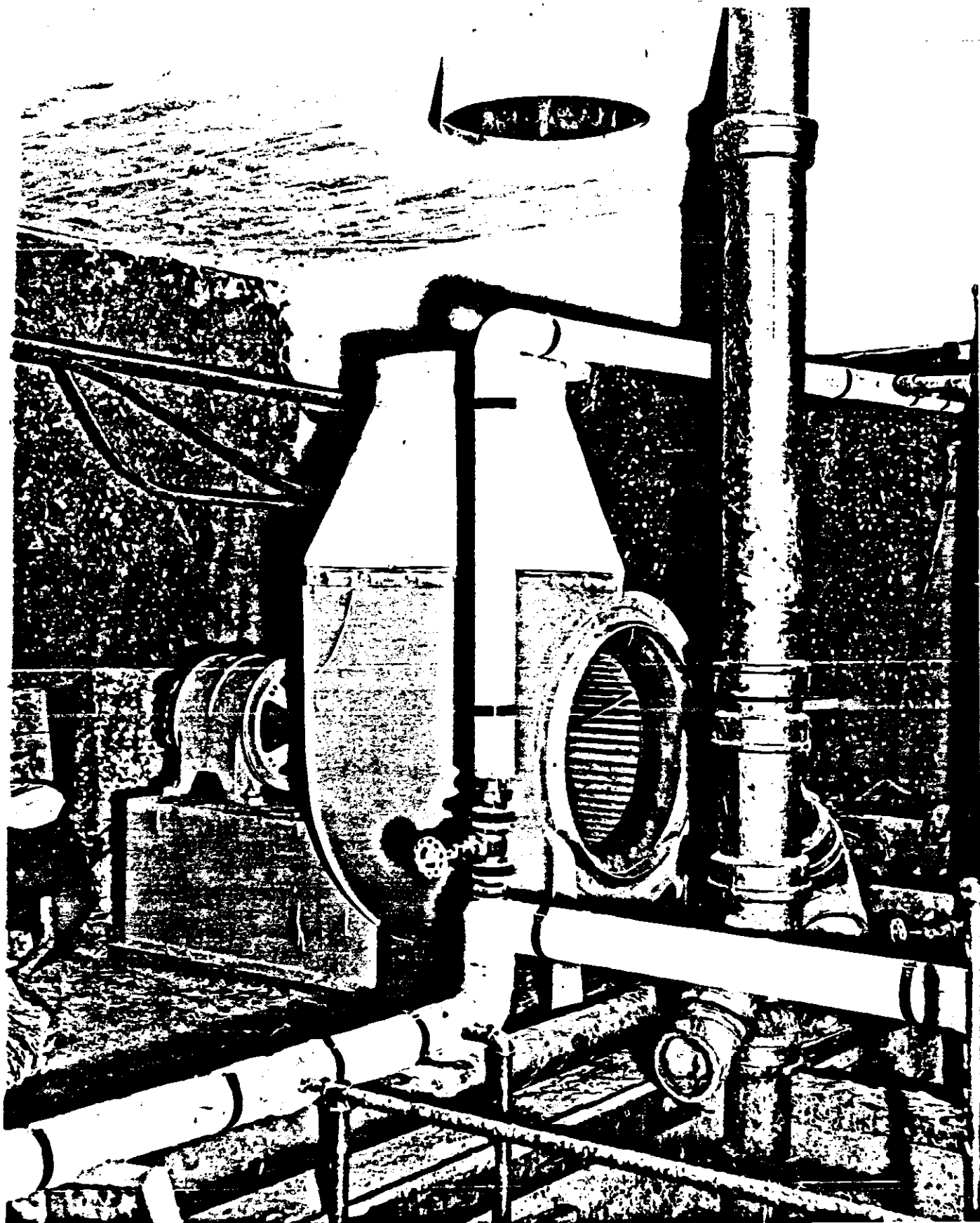
3-9 Photograph taken from a position directly above Cell 152 B
looking down past tier number three.

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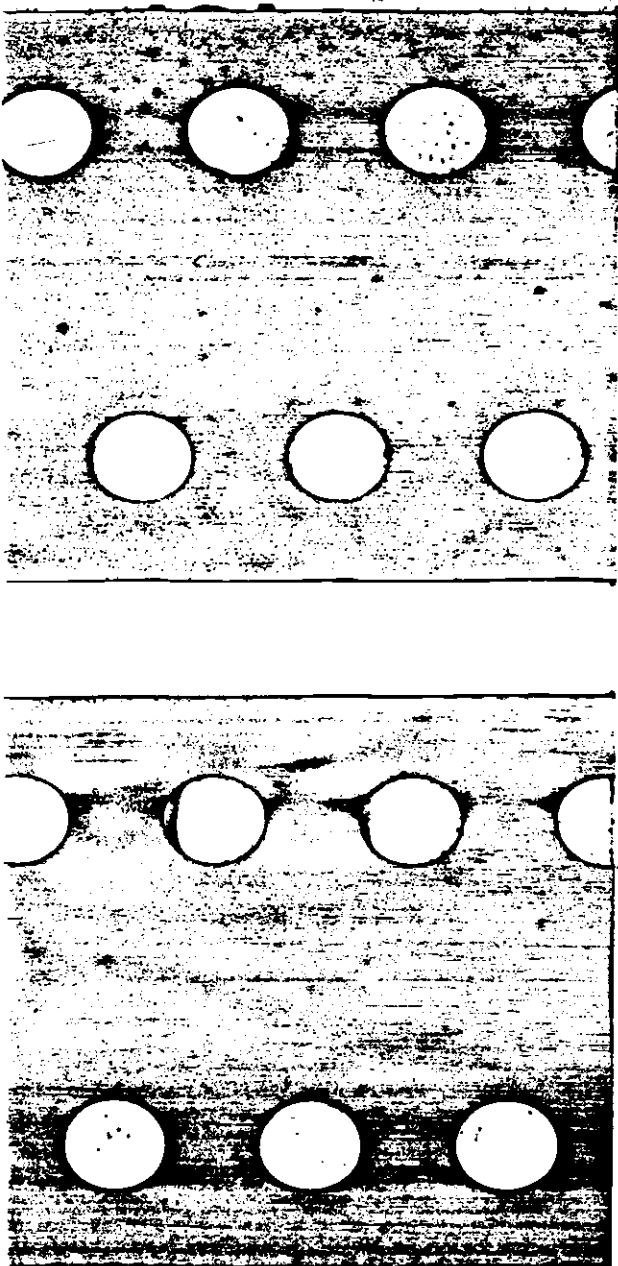


3-10 Photograph taken of the abandoned ventilating fan with opening through to the roof. Left rear and center background shows the manner in which this area was completely enclosed by drop cloths and blankets hung ostensibly to prevent splattering of paint into the cell block.

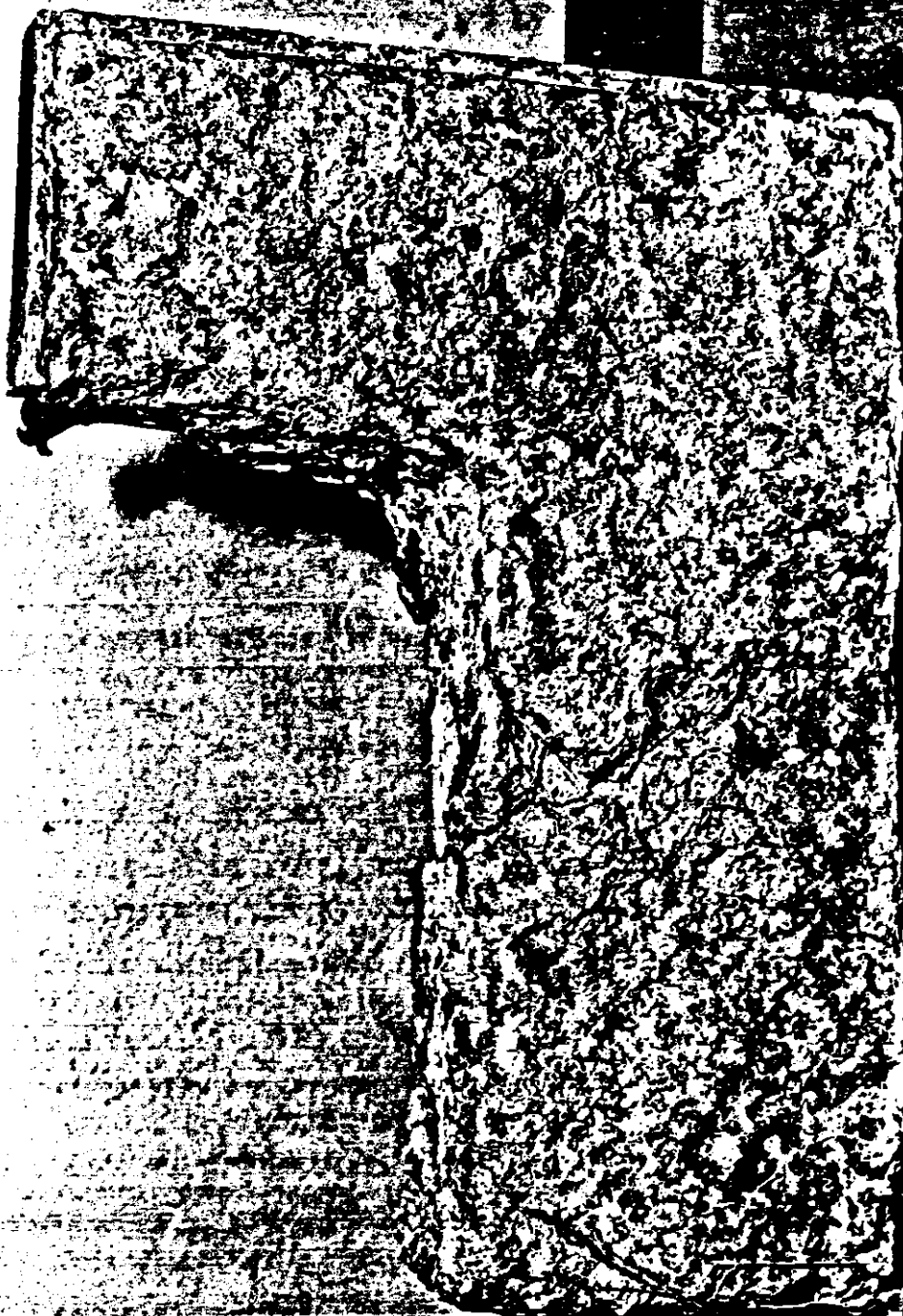
It was in this ventilator that the abandoned pantoon and two bundles of raincoats were located. Articles at the bottom of this ventilator could be reached by a long pole which had a nail protruding and could be used as a hook.

(Photo by SA [REDACTED] 6/12/62
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Concrete replica: this is the reproduced utility wall surface made to replace the concrete removed in order to avoid detection by a guard check along the utility corridor. This concrete was applied to hard board.

(Photo by SA [REDACTED])

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3-11 A general view looking toward the end of Cell Block B. The portion of the blanketed grill wall seen across the upper portion of the picture was across the end of the cell block. Approximately directly opposite the large black cast iron vent seen in upper right and down on the main floor was the main entrance to the entire cell area. The blanketed or screened-in area covered an area approximately thirty to thirty-five feet in length from the end of the cell block and extending on both sides, giving perfect concealment.

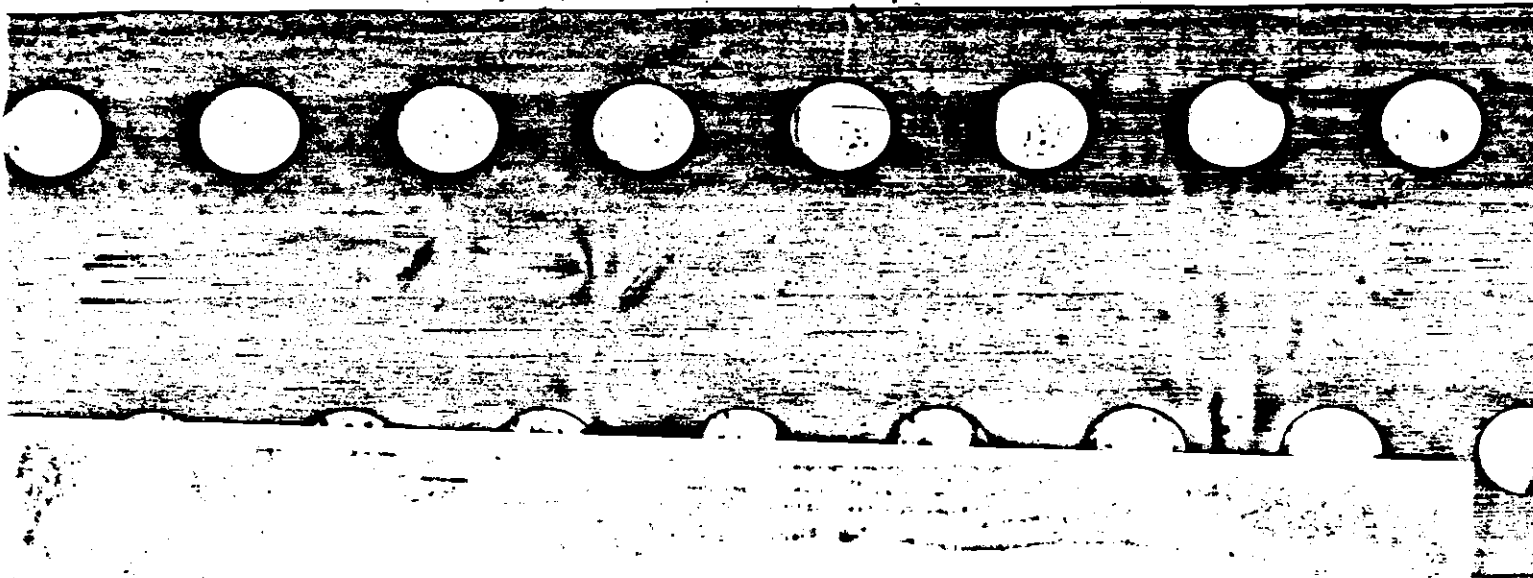
At lower right center may be seen a white cord which was tied to the hot water pipe crossing between Cell Block B and C and was one inch in diameter. This cord was lowered down the utility shaft and upon reaching the bottom, which was directly behind Subject's cells, it was determined to be twenty-six feet ten inches. Sections of this cord were knotted at intervals which apparently indicated the tier level reached when lowering or raising the rope. Fragments of raincoat material may be observed in general debris in center of picture. The five-gallon paint bucket from which a stick is seen protruding contained hardened cement paint and it was in this bucket a number of the Subjects' tools were subsequently located.

The heavy plank extending across the chair may have been used as the weight necessary when "vulcanizing" the seams on the raft and "Mae West" jacket.

(Photo by SA [REDACTED] 5/12/62
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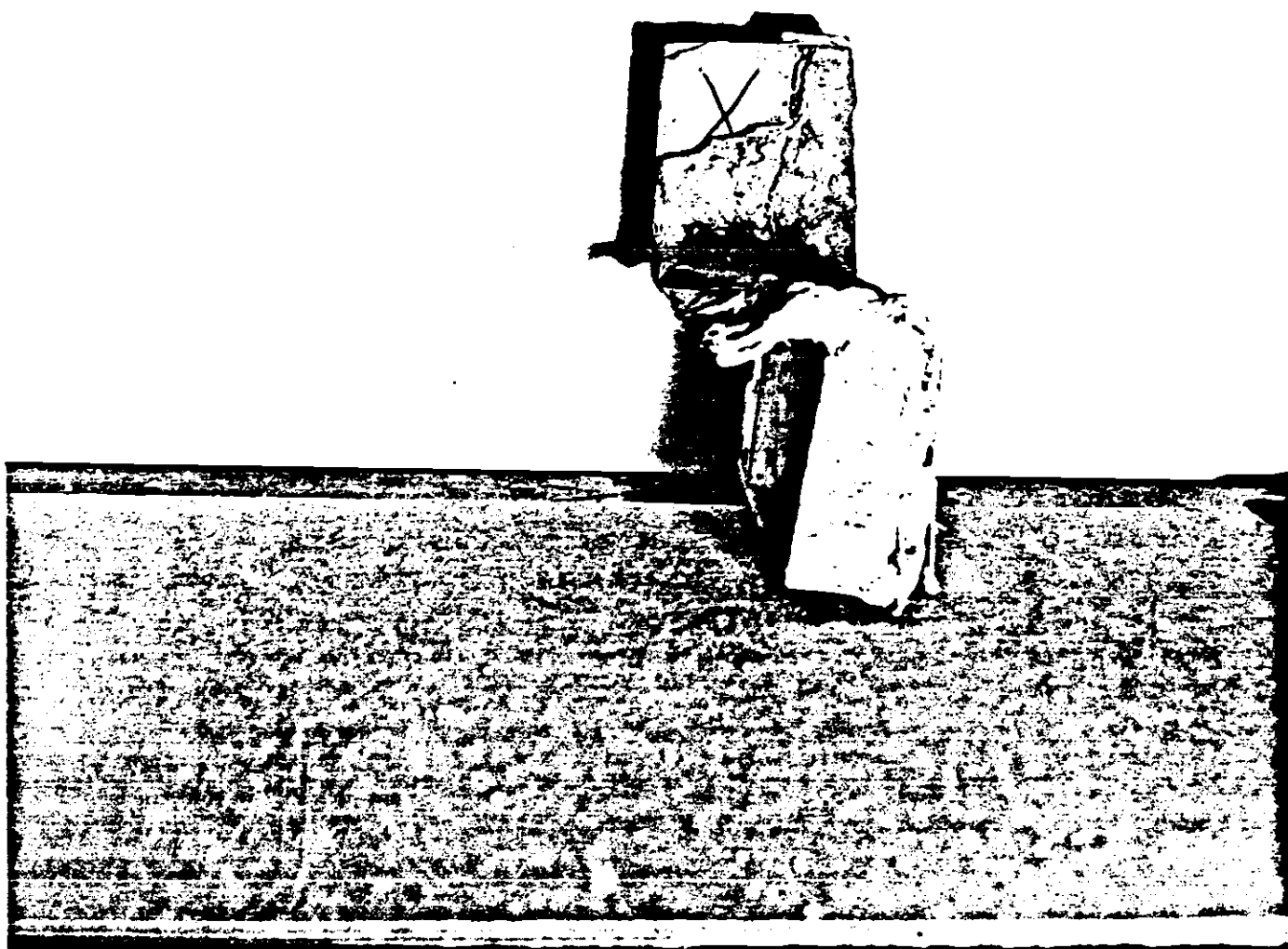


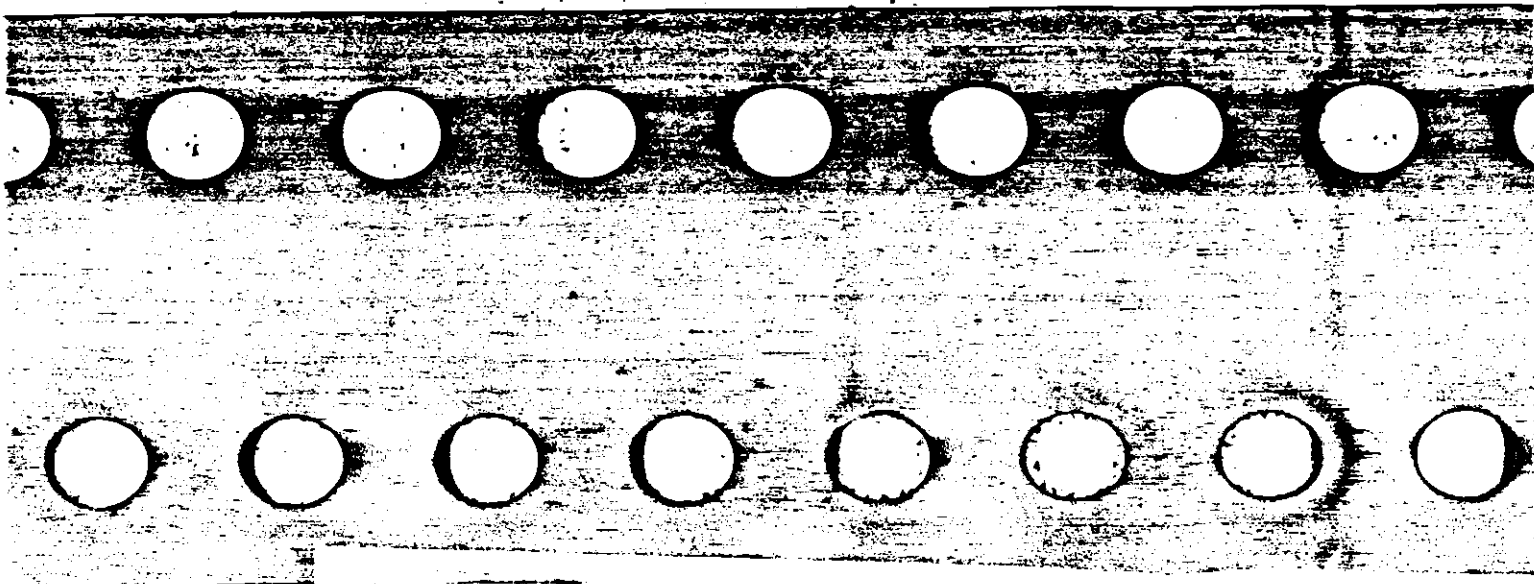


- 3-12 General view taken approximately fifteen feet from the bucket seen in center foreground. Lower left center are pieces of white Navy blanket cut in strips. The material seen at lower right is a type believed to have been used in making the raft. The goosenecked connector from the ventilating motor to the roof is seen in upper right. On the chair may be seen the remains of some brass bolts which were either machine or electrical bolts and brass washers and nuts identical to those found in the paddle.

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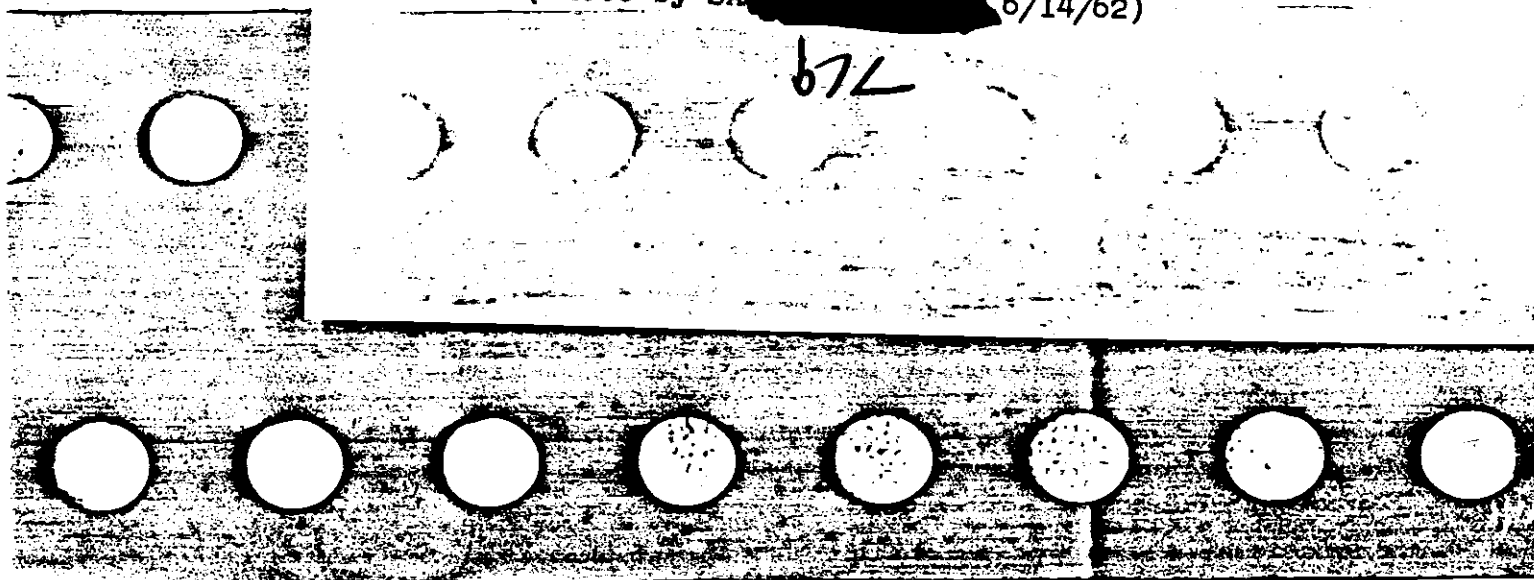


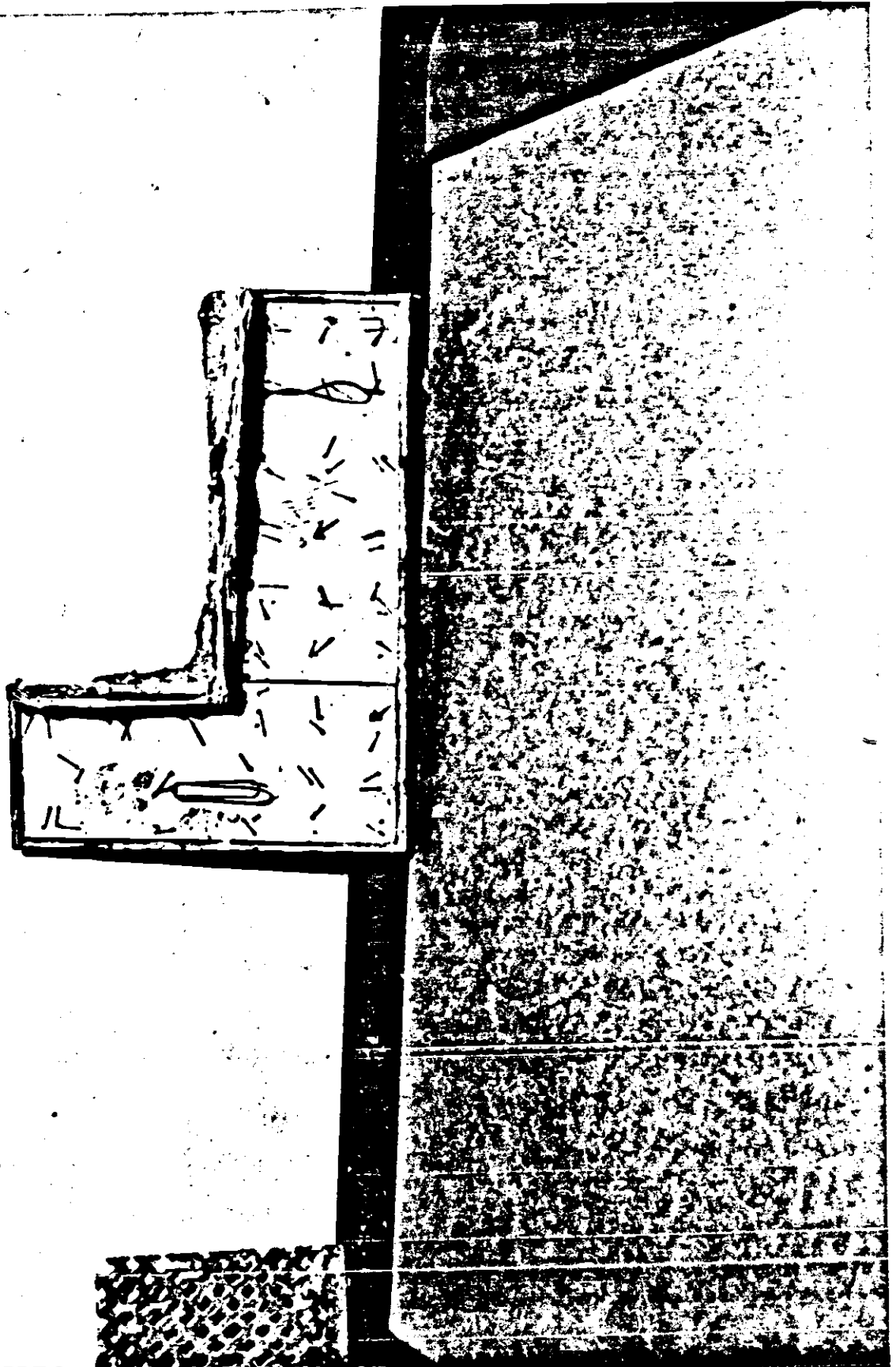


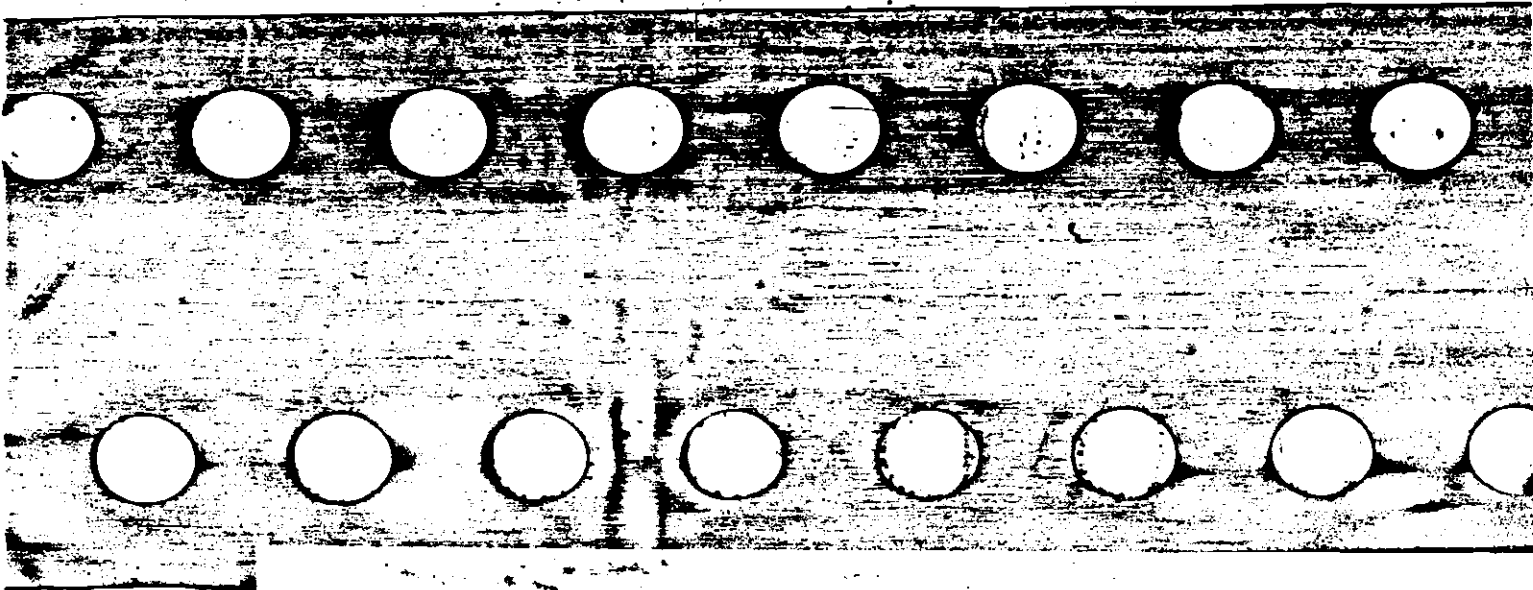
Side view of concrete replica.

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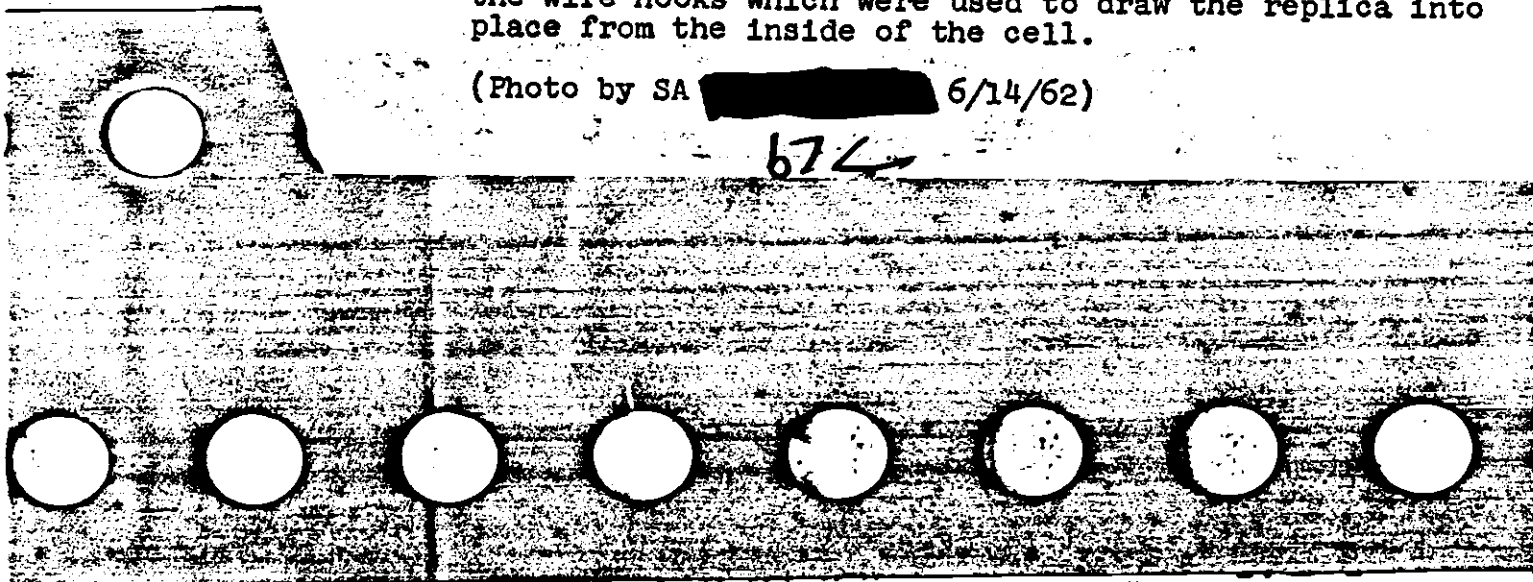




Rear view of concrete replica showing hard board. Note the wire hooks which were used to draw the replica into place from the inside of the cell.

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Close-up view of "yoke type" or "Mae West" life preserver showing the seam which appears to be sealed by a vulcanization type treatment, achieved by the application of heat and pressure. The heat was readily available through an exposed 1" copper hot water pipe approximately four feet long which crossed from cell block B to cell block A and was located over the top of the third tier of cells and crossed the utility well. The pressure was readily available through the use of a large heavy section of planking located in this area.

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